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Union attacks 'propaganda warfare'

Drift to work raises hopes of rail peace

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

RAILTRACK believes it is on the verge of breaking the rail strikes by keeping more than half of its network running on strike days.

About 45 per cent of trains ran during yesterday's one-day strike, the company said. It believes that if it crosses the 50 per cent barrier the trickle of striking signallers returning to work may become a flood.

The signallers' union, the RMT, accused Railtrack of deception, insisting that it was concerned only with propaganda and trying to convince the union's members that there was a return to work.

Jimmy Knapp, the RMT general secretary, said that 98 per cent of the union's signalling members — including 400 who had joined the union since the strikes started — were still on strike. "We are delighted with the support we have had over the last 48 hours," he said, and predicted that next week's strike would be solid.

Railtrack is to step up its efforts to persuade striking signallers to return to work. While the company is not yet claiming that the strikes over pay and productivity are cracking, it believes that crossing the strategically important 50 per cent threshold will turn what is only a small, but significant, trickle of strike-breakers into a flood.

London commuters were threatened with new disruption yesterday, however, when leaders of the train drivers' union Aslef said that they were balloting their members on London Underground on industrial action in a separate pay dispute.

Railtrack says that 42 per cent of the network is open on strike days at present, and managers believe privately that the 50 per cent mark may be reached within the next fortnight — perhaps in the strike the company expects the RMT union to call for the week after next, during the TUC's annual conference in Blackpool.



Ellis: claimed most staff want to work

British Rail hopes to increase its level of services during next week's 48-hour strike starting on Tuesday, but Railtrack managers believe that the proportion of the network which is open will be more significant in convincing striking signallers to return to work.

BR said that it had run 45 per cent of normal services during the 24-hour strike which ended at lunchtime yesterday, and next week it hopes for the first time on a strike day to run trains on the West Coast main line, with three return services between London Euston and Glasgow and ten between Euston and Manchester.

Railtrack said that it had more signallers working yesterday than at any point during the ten weeks of strikes, with 599 at work over the 24-hour period — 342 of them, or 57 per cent, members of the RMT. Almost one in five rostered signallers were now reporting for duty on strike days.

John Ellis, Railtrack's production director, said: "I would not want to overestimate the numbers returning, but they are significant and they are increasing. It is an indication of the desperate desire of the majority of signalling staff to return to work."

Signal workers did not want to be on strike, and the RMT's mandate for strike action was falling away as every day went by.

The RMT is expected later this week to call another 24-hour stoppage for the week beginning September 5, when the TUC's annual conference is in session under Mr Knapp's presidency — probably on the Wednesday of that week.

An opinion poll released last night showed the public to be divided over who is to blame for the strikes, though most believe safety is being put at risk on strike days. A telephone poll of a sample of 1,000 adults taken by the PAS research agency showed that 27 per cent blamed Railtrack, 20 per cent the RMT and 15 per cent the Government, with 27 per cent undecided. But 62 per cent believed safety was being endangered.

Leaders of the train drivers' union Aslef announced a ballot of 2,000 London Underground drivers on a series of one-day strikes in protest at a imposed 2 per cent pay offer. Tube strikes on the same day as mainline rail strikes would cause severe disruption in London.

Lew Adams, the Aslef general secretary, accused the Government of reducing support for London Transport, and said: "We are not going to pay for the cuts that the Government is making." Preliminary soundings by Aslef leaders showed 70 per cent of those questioned to be ready to vote for action.

DAN TOWERS



The Princess of Wales arriving for a portrait painting session in London yesterday

Police chief rules out leak inquiry over palace calls

BY ANDREW PIERCE

SIR PAUL Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, yesterday ruled out an inquiry into the leak of the police investigation into nuisance telephone calls from Kensington Palace.

The Commissioner promised that any evidence which came to light of police malpractice would be thoroughly investigated. He also made clear for the first time that no government minister had been involved as a go-between with the royal household.

Sir Paul's statement was the first public comment by Scotland Yard since Sunday, when newspapers alleged that the Princess of Wales had made the calls. It came after clearance from Oliver Hoare, 48, the art dealer and friend of the Princess, who received the calls over 18 months at his home in Chelsea.

Sir Paul told Scotland Yard not to discuss any aspect of the case until he had spoken at length to Mr Hoare, who first contacted police in October last year. Their statement came after 24 hours of pressure from MPs for Scotland Yard to hold an inquiry to try to identify the source of the leak, widely believed to be a current or former police officer.

Piers Morgan, editor of the *News of the World*, yesterday denied that the informant was a serving police officer. Asked about the denial that a minister had been involved, Mr Morgan said: "Our understanding is that Robert Marsh [head of the Royalty Protection Squad] had briefed a Home Office politician."

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, vice-chairman of the Conservative Constitutional Committee, and Alun Michael, Labour's home affairs spokesman, led the calls for a leak inquiry.

Sir Paul, in his statement, said police had begun an inquiry which ceased in March at Mr Hoare's request. No futher action was taken, which was normal practice, he said.

"It became a private matter for Mr Hoare, and the police had no further role to play. It was Mr Hoare's private decision that the inquiry should cease, and this statement is of course being issued with his knowledge.

"At no stage was anyone interviewed as a possible caller. At no stage was any politician briefed by the Metropolitan Police or by anyone acting for us. Nor did any politician seek to influence the inquiry at any stage."



Sir Paul: "no minister was involved"

Mr Hoare, according to newspaper reports, withdrew his complaint when he was allegedly told by the police that the calls were made from the private telephones of the Princess of Wales.

Mr Michael, who discussed the case on the telephone with Sir Paul yesterday, said that he was satisfied by the "unequivocal guarantees" he had received. "It is now up to those

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Sick British athlete in drug test controversy

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

PAUL EDWARDS, Britain's No 1 shotputter, is alleged to have failed a drugs test and could face expulsion from the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Alberta.

Edwards, 35, who is ill in hospital in Canada with a stomach complaint, was told yesterday by the English team manager that there was "something wrong" with a sample he gave for a drugs test at the European Championships in Helsinki. Caroline Searle, spokeswomen for the English team, declined to make any comment, and said any statement should come from the British Athletic Federation. Tony Ward, its spokesman, said he could not "confirm or deny" the report.

Edwards was still in Canada last night awaiting analysis of a second sample.

Gymnast Annika Reeder, 14, yesterday became the youngest English competitor in the 64 years of the Games to win a gold medal. At 4ft 6in and five stone, she is also the shortest and lightest England gold medallist.

Annika, from Loughton, Essex, won the gold for the floor exercise.

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Pakistan 'has nuclear bomb ready'

MIAN Nawaz Sharif, a former Pakistani prime minister, said last night that his country possessed a nuclear bomb and gave a warning that an attack by India could trigger nuclear war (Christopher Thomas writes).

No senior Pakistani politician has ever said that a nuclear device was ready for use, and the claim was denied by the foreign ministry in Islamabad.

Mr Sharif, whose tenure ended last year, said that his government gave large sums of money to a religious political party to aid the *jihad* (holy war) in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir. India has long claimed that Pakistan has been materially supporting the uprising in the region.

Princess sits out the furore at portrait artist's studio

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

AS POLICE, politicians and the media spent yesterday investigating allegations about the Princess of Wales and nuisance calls to a married male friend, she spent the day posing for Nelson Shanks, an American portraitist.

The artist's previous sitters have included Ronald Reagan, President Mitterrand, Luciano Pavarotti and the King and Queen of Sweden. A source described Mr Shanks as one of America's top seven painters and said he was particularly good at painting beautiful women.

The source addes that these "top seven" artists could command fees up to £65,000. The more famous the sitter, however, the lower the fee, since famous names can work wonders for the reputation of an artist. Fees are also affected by the size of the finished work.

Mr Shanks's wife said that, although her husband "loves nothing more than to talk about his work", neither he nor she could discuss the commission. "We don't want to interfere with our clients' privacy," she said, adding that her husband's artistic influences ranged from the Greeks to the Impressionists.

Mr Shanks was born in Rochester, New York. He studied at the Accademia d'Bella Arte in Florence, Italy, where his teachers included Annigoni. Mr Shanks's style is described as linear: he focuses on facial features. He is regarded as a fine draughtsman who tends towards realism.

The setting for the princess's portrait was the Chelsea studio of Julian Barrow, a painter and friend of Mr Shanks.

It is said that Mr Shanks is particularly open to suggestions from his sitters. When the princess sat for Douglas Anderson, the seasoned royal artist in 1992, she chose the dress herself from Victor Edelstein, pairing it with a matching necklace and earrings of amethysts set in diamonds.

The result was seen as a wistful image, more formal than some of her official photographs. Mr Anderson is said to have had five sittings with the princess. Mrs Shanks said her husband intended to stay in Britain for several weeks.

Hectic scramble for university places begins

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND BEN PRESTON

AN UNPRECEDENTED scramble for university places starts today, with admissions officers reporting a surprise increase in degree courses still showing vacancies.

Record numbers of students are expected to join the clearing process, which matches applicants who missed their first-choice university to the remaining higher education places.

About 190,000 students had been offered places yesterday, and only 80,000 vacancies remained for the other 200,000 applicants. Admissions tutors are expecting a frantic start to the four weeks of clearing, especially in the arts and social science subjects.

Mike Scott, a senior official with the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, said: "It looks as if there are about 10 per cent more courses going into clearing, but that may not mean there are more places. People would be well advised to get on with it if they want to get in this year."

Almost all universities have placed some courses in clearing, but many programmes have only a handful of vacancies. Bristol University, for example, had vacancies on a dozen courses in engineering and mathematics yesterday, but expected to be full in all other subjects. Most of the available places are in new universities and colleges of higher education. Hertfordshire University has vacancies on 400 integrated courses, and Oxford Brookes University on more than 250.

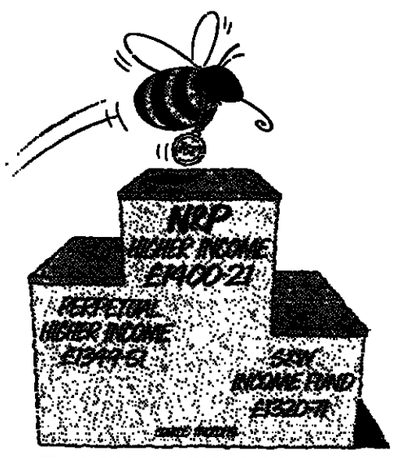
About 44,000 students found places through clearing in 1993. Record A-level pass rates are expected to encourage more applications this year. Ann McClurkin, assistant registrar at Leeds University, said there appeared to be more places in clearing this summer, but these were being chased by more candidates. "For the first time in six years we will put sociology into clearing, although I only expect it to stay for a matter of days if not hours."

John Burgess, an admissions officer at Kent University, said it had more vacancies for humanities and social science courses than for many years because of a shortfall in applications under the new admissions system.

The Times will be listing vacancies throughout the clearing period. Today's feature on the arts and social sciences will be followed by vacancies in science subjects, and engineering and technology on Friday.

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Health, not wealth, is the real yardstick for Liberal Democrats

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Changes in income tax invariably get the headlines whenever any economic package is announced. But they are often not the central part of the story.

Not only are receipts from income tax barely a quarter of government revenue, but their overall level, if not distribution, is determined by intractable decisions on public spending. That is where any party's plans should be judged.

The Liberal Democrats' new discussion paper on tax and benefits — disclosed in *The Times* on Monday and launched today — will stand or fall electorally by its proposals to raise marginal tax rates for the better off.

But the real test for the Liberal Democrats, as for other parties, is how they respond to the inexorable growth in spending on the welfare state. That is the main reason why the Tories have found it so hard to contain, let alone cut, the tax burden.

Any government has little freedom of manoeuvre in view of repeated promises to provide a free health service at the point of use, education up to 16 and extensive defence commitments. There is a whole filing cabinet full of acronyms of initiatives to improve efficiency and reduce costs. These help, and the state has cut industry and housing subsidies. But otherwise the post-war welfare state has been broadly maintained.

The Tory tactic has been to nibble away at the margins. It is fashionable on the Tory right to say that the Government has failed to roll back the public sector. But without the efforts of successive Chancellors — except in pre-election years — total spending and taxes would have been much higher.

In social security, decisions to limit the uprating of pensions and overhaul the state-earnings related pension scheme have saved, and will save, billions. Such a piecemeal approach has been continued by Peter Lilley, who has proved to be politically astute in avoiding confrontations.

He has proposed changes, for example, in invalidity and unemployment benefits, though he is finding it hard to curb the rapidly rising budget on housing benefits. The Tories have also stealthily cut the so-called middle-class welfare state by reducing the value of mortgage tax relief, the married couples' allowance and company cars. But ministers have so far been constrained by election pledges from tackling child benefit and retirement pensions.

The Liberal Democrats are committed to expanding the welfare state, extending support for low-income families, childcare and child benefit.

This would be financed by phasing out the main middle-class tax reliefs and by increasing marginal rates. This is not the obvious way to attract the disillusioned former Tory voters that the party needs to win seats in southern England.

Labour has so far been cautious. Radical ideas for revamping the tax and benefits system to allow a sharp cut in the basic rate of income tax have been floated by independent-minded MPs such as Frank Field. The party's Social Justice Commission is due to issue its 100,000-word report in two months. This is expected to concentrate on the shift away from lifetime, predominantly male employment to a less secure labour market with more women and part-time workers. Some on the Left are already mobilising to defend a universal welfare state with pre-emptive motions for this autumn's party conference.

These arguments over the extent of the welfare state are the key to any party's tax plans. The Liberal Democrats are now at the redistributive, higher-tax end of the spectrum. Labour is likely to avoid such an exposed position.

PETER RIDDELL

Postmasters dismiss Cook sell-off claims as unfounded

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR was accused of "blatant scaremongering" yesterday after it produced a survey showing widespread concern among postmasters and mistresses about the effects of Post Office privatisation on rural sub-post offices.

The survey of 500 post offices, carried out by Robin Cook, shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, showed that over 60 per cent of those questioned believed that more small post offices would close as a result of privatisation.

It also showed that nearly half those questioned considered the move would be bad for their business, while 20 thought it would be improve their prospects. Thirteen per cent thought the Government was right to break up the Post Office by separating the Royal Mail from sub-post offices.

"I have never met such universal hostility to a Government plan since the Poll Tax," Mr Cook said. "I warn Tory MPs that public opposition to privatising the Post Office is as strong in Tory Kent as it is in Labour Tyneside."

Mr Cook immediately came under attack from Tory MPs and the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters. Colin Baker, general secretary of the federation, expressed great concern about the "blatant scaremongering stories" of massive closures.

"There is no evidence whatsoever to indicate that the sale of 51 per cent of Royal Mail and Parcelforce will result in widespread closures of sub-offices," Mr Baker said.

John Townend, chairman of the Conservative backbench finance committee, said most rural areas were represented by Tory MPs, who had demanded assurances from Mr Heseltine about the future of their post offices.

"I'm perfectly happy with the assurances Mr Heseltine has given us that there is no intention of wholesale closures of post offices," Mr Townend told BBC Radio 4.

Mr Cook said Tory MPs should note that in many rural areas the village shop was also the post office. "If the post office goes, the village shop also closes. Their electors may decide that if the post office and the village shop are going to go then so is their MP."

Under the Government's proposals, which are now being put out to consultation, 51 percent of Royal Mail would be sold off, but Post Office Counters, which runs the network of 20,000 sub-post offices, would remain in the state sector.

Writing elsewhere in *The Times* today, the Tory MP Julian Critchley says: "The privatisation of the Post Office will cause more bother than it is worth; Tory postbags are full of letters from pensioners fearful that local post offices will close and that the flat-rate postage charge will go."



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Caretaker sacked after BNP clash seen on TV

BY LIN JENKINS

A CARETAKER employed by a south London council where 10 per cent of the residents were from ethnic minorities was sacked after being spotted on television news bulletins chanting British National Party slogans, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Ian Dell, 34, a senior member of the BNP who had twice stood as a parliamentary candidate for the party in Greenwich, appeared on news bulletins in September 1993 reporting clashes between the BNP and the Anti-Nazi League chanting "rights for whites" the tribunal at Croydon was told.

Mr Dell is claiming unfair dismissal after he was sacked by the housing department of the London Borough of Greenwich which claims that his activities, although in his own time, meant members of ethnic minorities among council clients and staff would not feel confident he was acting without prejudice or discrimination.

Mr Dell, southeast London organiser of the party, was pictured on television holding aloft a copy of *The Nationalist* and chanting during an Anti-Nazi League demonstration following the election of the BNP's Derek Beackon in Tower Hamlets. They had protested in a racially-sensitive part of London's East End where Mr Dell has sold political newspapers for the past 11 years.

He claims the council treated him as a leper and that he was fully entitled under democracy and freedom of speech to put forward his views.

"All the time I worked for Greenwich Council I never ever discriminated against anybody. I carried out my work according to my contract of employment and as far as I am aware there was never any complaint about my work," he told the hearing.

The hearing was told that a video of the news bulletin was given to his manager by a black employee who was "very upset" by it.

Mr Dell was convicted in 1987 of causing criminal damage to the statue of Nelson Mandela outside the Royal Festival Hall and also for threatening behaviour in 1993 after the casting of votes at local elections on the Isle of Dogs during an incident where two men were convicted of attacking a black man.

He stood for parliament in June 1983 for Greenwich and again in the by-election of 1986.

Yesterday a small group of Anti-Nazi League supporters demonstrated outside the tribunal building.

Philip Engelman, for the council, said Mr Dell was a non-resident caretaker in a borough where 10 per cent of the population was from ethnic minorities and in some estates that rose to 20 per cent.

Mr Dell was taken on by the council in June 1991 after an interview in which he gave satisfactory answers supporting the council's equal opportunities policy in respect of people from vulnerable minorities. Cases of racial harassment in the borough have risen from 103 in 1989 to 184 in 1993.

"There was some evidence that Mr Dell had been distributing BNP leaflets on his own estate, said Mr Engelman, adding that it did not form part of the reason for his dismissal.

"We submit that it is quite impossible to expect Mr Dell to be seen as undertaking his tasks properly in the eyes of the tenants given his public stance and indeed his background," said Mr Engelman. The hearing continues.



Ian Dell: a black colleague was upset by bulletin

Pop goes solitude as monks top charts

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

FAME and fortune has brought its share of woe to the monks of the Benedictine monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, the most unlikely pop stars imaginable.

The Spanish monks' *Canto Gregoriano*, a recording of medieval religious plainsong, is the surprise hit of the summer, lodging for 21 weeks in America's *Billboard* Top Twenty and so far selling four million copies worldwide since its release in March.

Yesterday Thorn EMI, their lucky record company, announced that profits from its music business were up by £4.2 million since March, thanks not least to the CD's success.

Canto Gregoriano was discovered by an EMI executive on holiday in the centre of Spain and recorded there last year.

A Thorn spokeswoman said yesterday that *Canto Gregoriano* had been "on an international basis, one of the most successful classical recordings EMI has released".

But success has its pitfalls. The monks' home village, 100 miles north of Madrid, has attracted hordes of visitors whose enthusiasm for the birthplace of the music they love is serving to destroy the tranquillity that inspired it. The monastery is now turning away well-meaning visitors, and some monks are reported as saying it might have been better if the disc had never been made.

"Unfortunately that's been a problem for the monks," said the Thorn spokeswoman. "They are a very isolated order, and the tourism has disrupted their quiet life, which is not so happy for them."

The monks are already working on the follow-up and *Canto Noel* will be in the shops by Christmas. But there is no risk they will be diverted from the path of reflection.

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Government talking to IRA, says Paisley

The Government is talking to the IRA again, Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, claimed yesterday. He said he had "firm evidence" of contacts between the Government and the republican movement over the past few months. The allegation came amid continuing speculation about an open-ended ceasefire by the IRA.

The Northern Ireland Office refused to respond to Dr Paisley's accusation but a spokesman referred to a statement made in December by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, in which he admitted that it was useful to have a means of communication with the republican movement but only if secrecy was respected by both sides. He declined to make further comment other than to promise that any communications from the Government would be "consistent with its publicly stated policies".

Protestant shot 'in error'

A Protestant workman was shot and seriously wounded yesterday in an apparently bungled sectarian murder attempt by Loyalist gunmen in Northern Ireland. The victim, aged 28, from Bessbrook, Co Armagh, was a member of a mixed-religion workforce refurbishing flats in the mainly Protestant Rathcoole area of north Belfast. Police believe his killers had thought he was a Catholic. He was shot at close range in the stomach and leg by an unmasked man who escaped on a bicycle.

Highland jobs boost

The Highlands and Islands of Scotland, which last year was awarded £250 million of EC funding after being designated one of the poorest areas in Europe, is expected to grow by 2.6 per cent a year in economic terms over the next five years. More than 400 new businesses were started last year and 2,900 jobs were either created or saved, the third annual report of the Highlands and Islands Enterprise disclosed yesterday. The government-financed agency hopes to help to create another 3,000 jobs this year.

Carnival warning

People planning to attend this weekend's annual Notting Hill Carnival in west London were warned by police yesterday not to wear expensive watches. Scotland Yard is also attempting to prevent serious crowd control problems by encouraging visitors to tour attractions away from the central processional route. Last year's carnival attracted more than one million people over the two-day event. In recent years the carnival had been relatively free of crime. Last year 120 crimes were reported. Pack your bags, page 10

Can recycler charged

A pensioner who is collecting tin cans for recycling to help to pay off his mortgage appeared in court yesterday accused of causing an obstruction. James Pidherney, 66, of Stanmore, northwest London, who had stacked the cans on the grass verge outside his home, denies the charge. The case was adjourned by Harrow magistrates until October 27.

Help for Rwanda boy



Television viewers have responded to the plight of a four-year-old Rwandan boy knocked over by refugees rushing across a bridge into Zaire. Nkesha, left, whose parents were murdered four months ago, was snatched to safety by a British press photographer. Millions of viewers saw the incident on Monday's ITN *News At Ten* and hundreds offered help. Nkesha is in Red Cross care.

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15 police cars in chase

A car stolen in Cornwall was driven through Hampshire and West Sussex at up to 100mph after police gave chase on the M27 near Southampton. Fifteen police cars were involved in the 50-mile chase, which ended when the Vauxhall Belmont crashed at Emsworth. Two men in their late teens or early 20s were later helping police.

Wanted: £1m mansion

A house-buyer with £1 million to spend has taken out an advertisement in a local paper pleading for period mansions in northeast England. Estate agents said yesterday that such properties were few and far between. The mystery buyer, who describes himself as "John from Durham," has been shown dozens of properties priced at £600,000 to £800,000.

Mother's last chance

A judge considering a care order for a one-hour-old baby found six weeks ago in a plastic bag pleaded yesterday for the mother to come forward. Mr Justice David Gee said he was giving the mother a final chance to claim her baby, found outside a health centre at Great Harwood, Lancashire, before a decision was made on September 22.

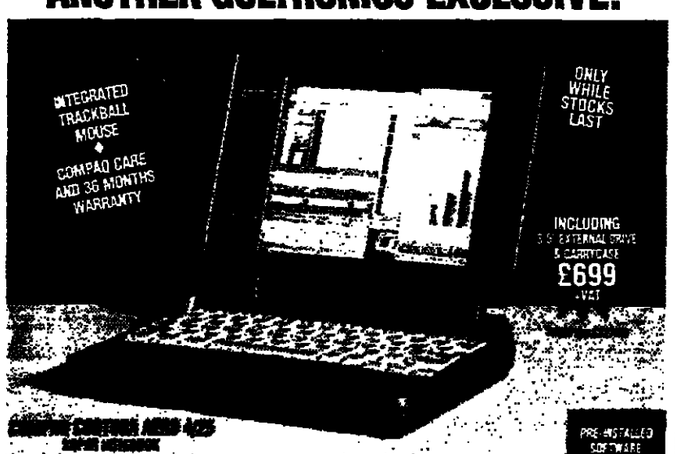
Britannia case remands

Two men charged with assaulting a sailor from the royal yacht *Britannia* in Marlborough at the weekend were remanded in custody yesterday by magistrates at Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, just hours after Perie Shiels, 22, of Birmingham, died in hospital. Craig Black, 20, and Michael Trotman, 23, will appear at Devizes on August 31.

Snorers get the elbow

The long-suffering spouses of snorers in the West Country might have to keep their heads under the pillow after a decision by NHS chiefs to halt surgery to cure the condition. Bristol and District Health Authority says it will no longer fund the five-minute operation to tighten the soft palate in the mouth, which had an 80 per cent success rate.

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people who believe that a minister was involved, and who pointed a finger at the police, to come forward with the proof. There are still many unresolved questions."

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who returned yesterday from Canada, have been fully briefed. Last night senior members of the royal family, including the Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry, were at Balmoral for their summer holiday. The Princess of Wales was at Kensington Palace.

Sir Paul's statement contradicts several key aspects of the *News of the World*'s allegations. Mr Morgan heightened the speculation about the source of the leak by saying: "It is not a serving member of the police force. It is not a police officer. I will not be drawn any further." The newspaper article repeatedly quoted a "police source".

One central tenet of the article was that the calls to Mr Hoare had stopped after the intervention of a government minister and a senior member of the Royal Household. But Sir Paul makes clear that no minister was involved.

His statement says that the police investigation ended in March. On March 13 the Princess and Mr Hoare were photographed returning to Kensington Palace after dinner with friends.

Mr Morgan said he stood by his story. "We should be told why the investigation was called off, and why there was no prosecution. We believe Diana made the calls. If she never made them, someone else was using her telephones. This would make it one of the great security risks at the palace of all time."

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No independence for NHS trusts

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the Health Secretary, yesterday ruled out allowing NHS trusts to become independent organisations after a former health service chief called for greater freedom for hospitals.

Peter Griffiths, former deputy chief executive of the NHS and now director of the King's Fund College, an independent think tank, criticised the Government and the Labour Party for failing to come up with policies to build on the NHS reforms. He said that there was an urgent need for policies to give the service a sense of direction in the next five to ten years. One option was to allow NHS trusts to be freed from state control so that they would be run like voluntary hospitals.



Griffiths: urgent need for direction in NHS

"I would be in favour of non-profit-making organisations with the right kind of social ethos and ethical ethos that were there to deliver the highest-quality service," Mr Griffiths said on the Radio 4 programme *Today*. He denied, however, that he was advocating the privatisation of NHS hospitals. "The political argument has become too polarised into private or public provision."

Mrs Bottomley quickly declared that she had no plans to change the present system. "That is certainly not on my agenda," she said on the same programme.

"On my agenda is the trusts which are accountable to the Secretary of State and also accountable to their local health authorities."

She did not accept that devolution of control to local level would ultimately mean independence for hospitals. "We don't foresee wholesale upheaval having once established the trusts across the country."

Labour asked Mrs Bottomley to clarify her position on privatisation. In *The Independent* on Monday, she said that the Government should be open-minded about allowing local service provision to be a matter for local decision.

David Blunkett, the shadow Health Secretary, wrote to Mrs Bottomley accusing her of continually changing her mind.

Mr Griffiths helped to shape the reforms in the late 1980s at the Health Department, before becoming chief executive of Guy's Hospital, London, then the flagship NHS trust.

He said yesterday that in the longer term, hospitals could be accountable to the local community or the health authority that purchased health services rather than ministers: "I would like to see a proper debate about the current organisation."

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Pensioner battered after challenging greenhouse thieves

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A PENSIONER was savagely beaten by two men after he caught them stealing his prized chrysanthemums from his greenhouse.

Walter Boobyer, 80, was recovering at home yesterday after hospital treatment for a suspected broken nose, black eye, bruising and shock. The thieves threatened to burn down his home, in Woolavington, Somerset, if he reported them to police.

Detectives, who are dealing with a surge of vandalism in the area, were yesterday making house-to-house inquiries in the hunt for the attackers, who struck at about 12.30am on Monday.

Mr Boobyer heard a noise while in bed and went into the garden to challenge the men, who were helping themselves to the 130 chrysanthemums he tended. When they turned on him he fled back to the house, but they followed and launched a 15-minute attack during which they demanded money before running off empty-handed. His wife Margaret froze with shock at the top of the stairs when she heard him screaming.

Mr Boobyer said: "I heard the sound of a door breaking and looked out of my bedroom window to see people moving around in the greenhouse. They were illuminated by the security light. We had been having problems with vandals and I thought it was someone after my chrysanthemums.

"I put on my shirt, trousers and slippers and went to have a look. When I got into the greenhouse I saw two big men and asked them what they were doing. They didn't reply and I realised they were too



Boobyer: attackers beat him for 15 minutes

big for me to handle so I tried to run inside.

"I got into the hall but they put their feet in the door and stopped me from closing it. The biggest man, who was about 15 stone, asked me where my money was and then started hitting me as the other one watched.

"I tried to hit him back but he was too much for me. He thumped my head, face and ribs, repeatedly bashing me for 15 minutes."

Mr and Mrs Boobyer went back to bed after the attackers' threat to set their house ablaze if the police were called. But ten minutes later the strain became too much and he dialled 999.

Mr Boobyer likened the assault to the unprovoked attack earlier this month on Barry Hayes in Liverpool, after he told off two boys for vandalising his car. "Like him, I'd do it again," he said. "Why shouldn't we be able to defend our own property?

"I love gardening and built the greenhouse last year. I didn't have time to be frightened — I was too angry. They terrified my wife and I want them caught."

A police spokesman said: "This was an unprovoked attack on an old man who couldn't defend himself. We would always advise anyone worried about intruders to contact us first before investigating themselves."

Police are seeking a man described as white, aged 30 to 35, heavily built, about 5ft 8in, with medium-length dark hair. He was wearing blue jeans, a white T-shirt and a sleeveless jumper. His accomplice was also white, aged 18 to 20, 5ft 10in, of slim build, with mousy, shoulder-length hair. He wore denim jeans and top.



DAVE GERRARD

The Queen's corgis back safely on their leads with royal aides after their bloodless confrontation with the police dog at Heathrow

Queen's corgis hound police dog

BY CATHERINE MILTON

THE QUEEN'S corgis, renowned for their vicious streak, showed their teeth again yesterday in a confrontation with a police German shepherd dog near the runway at Heathrow airport.

Only the prompt action of a royal aide prevented a fight breaking out just minutes before the Queen flew back to London from a ten-day visit to Canada.

The trouble began when three corgis, Kelpie, Pharos and Brandy, broke away from their minder, who had been walking all seven royal dogs on a grass verge near the VIP suite beside the runway. They broke free when they spotted the police dog and surrounded it, barking.

A royal aide managed to call them to heel and by the time the Queen arrived her dogs were waiting calmly to accompany her to Scotland for a holiday.

Buckingham Palace was last night playing down the incident. A spokesman said: "The three surrounded a police alsatian, barked a bit and then their minder caught up with them. No one was hurt and they all arrived eventually in Scotland." He said they were "usually" well-behaved dogs.

But the royal corgis have a history splattered with bloody incidents. Chipper, the Queen's corgi-dachshund cross, was bitten to death in May 1989 by one of the Queen Mother's corgis.

In February 1990 they tested their teeth on the leather upholstery of the royal Land Rover twice within weeks. In March 1991, the Queen sustained a hand injury needing stitches after she tried to break up a fight between the dogs.



The Queen: catalogue of corgi troubles

Passerby finds police woman dead in car

A POLICEWOMAN who was commended for her work on the inquiry into the Hillsborough football ground disaster has been found dead in her car.

Sergeant Gillian Parks, 31, who had been with West Midlands Police for eight years, was discovered in her fume-filled car by a passer-by in a lane near his home in Warwickshire last Friday.

A pipe leading from her car's exhaust had been placed through the window, filling the car with carbon monoxide gas.

Local people in the village of Fillongley where she lived said she had moved there about three months ago.

Richard Lamb, a farmer, said that earlier last week he had seen Miss Parks sitting in her white Volkswagen Golf at the spot where she was found dead a few days later. "I went over to her car as she was blocking the entrance to one of my fields," Mr Lamb said.

"She looked upset so I asked her what was wrong and she said she had been arguing with her boyfriend."

Miss Parks, who was based at Acocks Green police station, Birmingham, had received commendations for rescuing someone from a fire and for good community police work as well as for her work on the 1989 football ground disaster in Sheffield.

West Midlands Police said her death was a major loss.

Author fails to win reprieve for Buster

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A DOG which its owner claimed was more likely to lick people than bite them was condemned to death yesterday at the end of a legal saga estimated to have cost £50,000.

At the same time, the judge at Wood Green Crown Court, north London, accused the author Jilly Cooper of a "clear contempt of court" in sending him a fax pleading clemency for Buster, which was first ordered to be destroyed two years ago.

Buster's owner, Karen Brock, 22, lost her attempt to reverse the destruction order, which was imposed by magistrates who convicted her of owning an unregistered pit bull.

Buster's life and death saga could be prolonged if Miss Brock, of Edgware, north London, who insists the dog is a harmless crossbreed, goes through with a threat to take the case to the European Court. She has a 21-day stay of execution.

Judge Gerber said Miss Cooper's fax "should never have been dispatched".

The hand-written message, received by the court yesterday, read: "Your Honour, please, please reprieve Buster. He's a lovely dog and his owners have suffered enough. He is certainly not a pit bull, the RSPCA inspector should have his eyes tested. I would be with you, but I've been away. Please love us, Jilly Cooper."

Last night the Lord Chancellor's department said the judge had indicated that no action would be taken against Miss Cooper.

At her home in Wiltshire Miss Cooper said after the hearing: "I have made my feelings on this matter clear to the people who count."

Miss Cooper, who owns two dogs, later added in a statement: "As an animal lover and mongrel owner I'm appalled that the RSPCA ... should want to contribute to destroying someone's family pet."

The RSPCA inspector, Jan Eachus, had told the court that he believed four-year-old Buster had the characteristics of a pit bull.

Judge Gerber said: "We have unanimously concluded the appellant has failed to discharge the burden on her to prove the dog is not the type known as pit bull terrier." He will give his full judgment on Friday.



Buster: a 21-day stay of execution

Man found hanged in prison was 'on the run'

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A CONVICTED murderer who was on the run after escaping from a hospital has been discovered dead in a prison where he was on remand under a false name.

Anthony Watson's identity was discovered by the prison authorities only two days after he was found hanged in his cell at Brixton jail on his 32nd birthday last Saturday.

Until then they had believed that he was Anthony Wright, an unemployed man of no fixed address, who had arrived at the jail on August 13th. Magistrates at Clerkenwell in London had remanded him in custody on a charge of attempting to murder a woman, Heather Newman-Zafar, by throwing her from a first-floor balcony.

On Monday, seven days after he was arrested, prison staff became aware that he was a convicted murderer on the run from Durham jail. Scotland Yard matched a set of his fingerprints taken at the time of his arrest in London with a set taken when he was detained in connection with the murder of a woman on Teeside in 1985.

A Prison Service spokesman said: "When police arrest somebody it's up to them to establish the person's identity. We are not an investigative service."

Archaeologists help to exhume body

BY ROBI DUTTA

POLICE helped by a team of archaeologists discovered human remains in a garden yesterday as they searched for a woman who disappeared 16 years ago.

A 56-year-old man has been arrested and was being questioned last night about the disappearance in 1978 of Jean Crowie, 34, who lived in the terrace house at Coalville, Leicestershire, where the remains were found. Bill Crowie, whom she divorced, was understood to be still living at the two-storey house with another woman. Mrs Crowie, who has four children, was reported missing only two weeks ago after a friend became concerned about her disappearance in the wake of national publicity about missing people.

She was born in Plymouth and moved in the 1970s to Leicestershire, where she brought up three sons and a daughter. She worked at a toy factory in Coalville.

A former neighbour, who did not want to be named, said that Mrs Crowie's children had tried to contact her through the Salvation Army and the television programme *Surprise, Surprise*. She said: "The last time I saw one of her sons, he said they remained baffled by her disappearance."

Archaeologists from Bradford University led by Dr John Hunter, who recently headed a team that discovered the lost chapel of St Columba on the Hebridean island of Canna, helped police in the digging on Monday night. They used geophysical survey equipment, normally used to detect buried walls and ditches, to assist in pinpointing the remains.

In November the archaeologists helped Leicestershire police to discover the bodies of Derek and Eileen Severs, a retired couple buried in shallow graves near Rutland Water.

Police said last night that it was too early to identify the Coalville remains. A Home Office pathologist has been called in and the coroner has been informed. Detective Superintendent Dave Cox said that police would have to excavate the scene carefully for several days before the remains could be disinterred.

Police were treating Mrs Crowie's disappearance as a missing person investigation but expected that it would become a murder investigation, he said.

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Skoda conman part exchanges 'granny'

BY JOE JOSEPH

AS STINGS go, it was hardly in the Paul Newman-Robert Redford class. As thefts go, Raffles might have admired the audacity while wondering if a £500 Ford Fiesta was worth such a flamboyant confidence trick.

A man driving a battered orange Skoda travelled to the Wiltshire home of Patricia Wakelin, who had advertised her Y-registration Ford Fiesta for sale in a magazine called *Trade It*. The man, who had telephoned earlier, told Ms Wakelin that he could motor down from Bristol but warned that he would have to bring along his aged granny, who was in even frailer shape than the crumbling Skoda.

When he arrived at Ms Wakelin's home in Westbury on Monday night, the Skoda's back seat was indeed occupied by an old woman. After giving the Fiesta the once over, kicking the tyres a few times as tradition demands, the smooth-tongued conman asked Ms Wakelin if he could take it for a test drive. Naturally he will leave the Skoda, with his granny in the back seat, as "security and collateral", he said, "and while he is out checking the brakes, would Ms Wakelin mind keeping an eye on gran, because, you know, she is old and infirm?"

When the man failed to return, and Ms Wakelin could not get any sense out of his "granny", she feared the worst and called the police.

Sergeant David Thorn, of Westbury Police, said yesterday that at first they thought the man must have broken down. "It's one thing to leave a bit of property behind for a test drive, because it can be stolen, but when you leave a person you don't expect someone to disappear."

When officers checked the Skoda's pedigree, they found that it had been stolen from Fishponds, Bristol, under similar circumstances. Sergeant Thorn said: "It was on sale for £50, but there was no granny involved that time."

He said the woman left behind was clearly confused by everything. "She thought she was just being taken out for a drive in the country. It turned out she was from a home to which she has now returned. But it doesn't help us with the car."

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Snapshot of youth today: how Britain's 12 million children are shaping up to face the future

Healthier generation taking risks with drugs

By Ian Murray

HEALTH AND HABITS

CHILDREN are getting taller and heavier, have better teeth and can expect to live longer than their parents. At the same time, 25 per cent of 15-year-olds are regular smokers and one in seven teenagers has experimented with drugs.

These are a few of the facts culled by the Central Statistical Office from a mass of statistics and published today to try to show what it is like to be a child in Britain. Other reports concentrating on different sections of the community will follow, adding depth to the annual snapshots of society produced in *Social Trends*.

While smoking and drinking has become the norm for many teenagers, the figures show that the number of children starting to smoke has fallen during the past decade, although since 1990 more girls have begun to smoke.

In 1992, 66 per cent of 15-year-olds had tried smoking, but the proportion of 11-year-olds who had tried smoking fell from 23 per cent in 1982 to 13 per cent ten years later. The average weekly consumption among the 25 per cent of regular smokers in 1992 was 36 among boys and 28 among girls.

Boys were found to have started smoking earlier than girls, but by the time they were 14 girls were more likely than boys to have experimented with smoking. By the time they reached 16, 70 per cent of girls had smoked, compared with 64 per cent of boys.

Age was a more important factor in when children started to drink. At 11, only one girl in five and one boy in three had tried a drink. By 15, five girls out of six had had a drink and nine boys out of ten.

Thirty three per cent of the older age groups had a drink at least once a week, usually beer, cider or wine. On average a boy drank 9.6 units a week and a girl six units.

A confidential British Crime Survey study among 1,000 12- to 15-year-olds found that drug taking was the exception, although it was widespread. Three per cent of the 12- and 13-year-olds and 14 per cent of the 14- and 15-year-olds had taken at least one form of drug. Cannabis was used by 10 per cent, although solvents — glue, gas and aerosols — were used by 3 per cent of the older age group. In 1992, just over 3,000 children were found guilty of drug offences, nearly eight times the number in 1981.

The statistics show a steep rise since 1981 in the number of children born to girls under 16. From about seven per 1,000 girls a decade ago the number rose to just over ten per 1,000 in 1990, falling back to 9.3 per 1,000 in 1991.

The figures suggest that child criminality is falling, although this may merely mean that courts and police are dealing with offenders in ways that do not show up in the records. There were 140,000 known child offenders aged 10 to 16 in England and Wales in 1992, compared with 213,000 in 1981. Boys were much more likely to offend, with rates of 49 and 15 per thousand respectively.

Theft and receiving were the most widespread offences, especially among girls. Boys were also caught for burglary (14 per cent) and violence (10 per cent).

While the number of crimes for which children were punished fell, the number of crimes committed against them rose steeply. In a recent study, one child in four complained of theft or sexual harassment by an adult. Figures in Scotland show the number of cases of cruelty rose from 442 to 1,155 during the 1980s.

As far as children's health is concerned, the figures show that the average eight-year-old girl today is 4ft 3in tall, three fifths of an inch more than one born 20 years ago. She is also likely to weigh just under a pound more. Boys have shown a similar increase in size. Girls have a better life expectancy than boys: they can look forward to living to 79, compared with the boys' 74 years, which in both cases is 12 years longer than for people born 50 years ago.

The dentist seems to hold few fears for the modern child. About 95 per cent have visited their dentist; active tooth decay in 15-year-olds has fallen from 42 per cent to 30 per cent in the past decade. However, there is considerable regional variation, with only one English child in four suffering from tooth decay compared with nearly half those in Scotland and Northern Ireland and a third in Wales.

Class and poverty affect children even before they are born. The average birthweight of children of professional families is higher than that of manual workers' babies and higher among legitimate than illegitimate children.

Infant mortality is highest among small babies, with 240 per 1,000 dying among those born weighing less than 3lb, and only two per 1,000 among babies weighing over 7lb.

Although the vast majority of children live in a house that meets approved government standards, one child in ten lives in overcrowded accommodation, usually a flat. Standards are lowest in private rented accommodation and 6 per cent of households with children live in a property that is officially classified as unfit for habitation.

More than 2.3 million children — roughly one child in four — has parents in the lowest income group, two thirds of whom rely on unemployment, housing and income support benefits.

Only one child in ten is from a family in the highest income group. Wealthier families tend to be smaller and 70 per cent of those with fathers in full-time employment also have a mother working full or part time.

☐ *Social Focus on Children* (HMSO: £25).

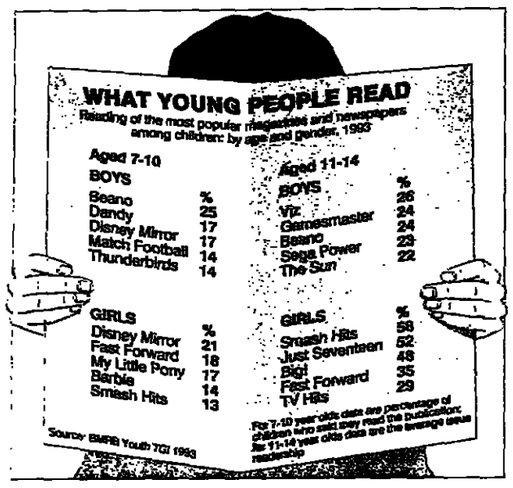
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One 15-year-old in ten has £1,000 a year to spend; 80 per cent have £5 a week



Girls today are slightly taller and heavier than they were 20 years ago



Maths and science standards slip as pupils grow older

EDUCATION

GIRLS are cleverer than boys on average and all young children are better at mathematics and science than they are at English.

The findings from the 1992 national curriculum assessment for seven-year-olds also reveal that 75 per cent of children had reached the levels expected of them in the three core subjects and that in English and science 20 per cent did as well as nine-year-olds.

Tests in mathematics and science among 14-year-olds showed that standards were falling: mathematics tests were passed by 60 per cent but only 50 per cent passed in science.

Ten per cent were only at the level of nine-year-olds, although 16 per cent were up to 17-year-olds' standards. Girls were still better at mathematics, although boys had pulled level in science.

If the marks were good, they were not as good as those the children gave themselves. Another survey found that only 3 per cent of 11-year-olds thought their work was below average and 55 per cent thought they were very good or above average. Two years later, 10 per cent judged their performance as very good.

The same survey found that 75 per cent of the children said they liked going to school and 60 per cent of the younger ones liked their teachers. By the time they were 13, only 40 per cent said they liked their teachers.

Children were increasingly being sent to nursery school at an early age and most intended to stay at school into the sixth form. Just over 50 per cent of all three-year-olds attended a nursery at least part time and another 20 per cent went to a minder.

Children seemed to agree that homework was important and about 50 per cent spent at least an hour doing it. However, about 5 per cent was never given any and about the same percentage said they never bothered to do it.

About 15 per cent of 11-year-olds and 8 per cent of 13-year-olds claimed they were bullied but the report believes that children's definition of bullying changes as they grow older. Truancy was most common in special schools, where 25 per cent of children took unauthorised time off at least once a term. The average truant spent 17 days a year away from school.

A TV in the bedroom and cash to spend

MOST of today's children have money in their pocket and televisions in their bedroom. They worry about the environment, prefer the toys their parents enjoyed, and stay away from church.

Children's spending power is rising annually and this year average pocket money reached a record high of £2.05 a week. For the first time in the 20 years in which records have been kept, girls are getting slightly more than boys — 2p a week on average.

However, particularly for older children, pocket money is not the only source of income and a quarter of those over 11 have a job of some kind. One 15-year-old in ten has at least £1,000 a year to spend and more than eight in ten have at least £5 a week.

Two out of five of those over ten have a building society account and a further third in the age group have a bank account. National Savings are most common among the under tens.

Homes with children also tend to be packed with consumer durables. Nearly six in ten households with children have a computer, more than four times the level in childless homes. Nine in ten children also go home to a colour television, video, washing machine and freezer.

Watching television is the favourite pastime, with the average child watching three hours a day.

Soaps, particularly *Neighbours*, are popular and children generally prefer watching them to the special programmes made for them. ITV has a larger share of the child audience than BBC.

COUNTDOWN

☐ *There are 11.8 million children in Britain, 17 per cent fewer than in 1971. The number is expected to increase by nearly 5 per cent by the end of the century as the babies born in the birth boom of the Sixties become parents themselves.*

☐ *Children make up 20 per cent of the population compared with 30 per cent in 1911.*

☐ **There were only two years when more than a million babies were born in Britain — in 1947 after the war, and in 1964 when the baby boom was at its height.**

☐ *The lowest number of babies born since the Second World War was 660,00 in 1977. In 1992 there were 781,000 births and this figure is expected to increase each year to 1996 when the baby boom generation passes its child-bearing peak.*

☐ **Most children are born to parents aged between 25 and 29 but one in five fathers and one in ten mothers is over 35.**

☐ *Babies are slightly more likely to be a boy than a girl: there are 105 males born for every 100 females.*

☐ **The size of families is rapidly shrinking. In 1972 there were at least three children in two out of five families, whereas today three out of four families have no more than two children.**

☐ *Ethnic minorities form 5.5 per cent of the total population but 9 per cent of the child population. A third of the ethnic population is under 16 compared with a fifth of the white population.*

☐ **Adoptions peaked at 27,000 in 1968 but by 1991, when it was more socially acceptable to be an unmarried parent, the number had shrunk to 8,000.**

☐ *The number of births outside marriage doubled in the 1980s to nearly a third of the total, although three-quarters of these children were born to a couple in a stable relationship. For the first 60 years of the century the illegitimacy rate never rose above 5 per cent.*

☐ **The high rate of divorce and broken marriages means that there are now 500,000 "stepfamilies" in Britain, and one child in 12 lives in one. Of these, 770,000 are stepchildren and 280,000 are children born to both partners in the new relationship.**

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NINE PEOPLE SHARE THE FIRST TIMES GAME PRIZE OF £500 WITH 39 LETTERS EACH. They are: Mr A Aspel of Thurmaston, Leicester; Mrs P Littlehales of Eaglescliffe, Cleveland; Mr S Holmes of Barwan, West Glamorgan; Mrs M Howe of Lancaster; Miss A Prace of Epsom,Surrey; Mr A Brent, Benfleet, Essex; Mrs J Gray, Bovingdon, Hertfordshire; Mrs A Maclachlan, Verwood, Dorset; Mr J Wearing, Bournemouth, Dorset.

As an example, the winning claim of Mr Aspel, a 38-year-old company director, was:

Round 1: Z,C,T,T,N,I,I,A,L ..... Titanic
Round 2: N,S,L,S,S,W,I,E,E, ... Sinewless
Round 3: D,L,P,H,R,E,O,U,E, ... Upholder
Round 4: K,R,S,R,D,C,E,E,U, ... Reducers
Round 5: M,T,R,L,G,O,O,E,A, ... Tremolo

Man set up death clock

A disabled man wired himself up to an electronic clock and set the time of his death by electrocution for 3am.A verdict of suicide was recorded on Shawn Vit, 35, who was paralysed from the chest down after a fall. His brother Glen told the inquest at Chichester, West Sussex, that Shawn was in pain for years and had spoken of euthanasia.

First class male

Bruce Wilson, a postman in Northallerton, North Yorkshire, managed to deliver a letter to "the lady who cycled until two years ago (got white car and dog)".

Rape charge

PC Robert Akafekwa, 22, of Hessle, Humberside, appeared before magistrates in Warrington charged with attempted rape.

Fairway fright

The pilot of a light aircraft made an emergency landing on the 17th fairway of Carmarthen Golf Club, west Wales.

True colours

Nigel Kennedy, the violinist, has ordered a mandolin to be sprayed in claret and blue as a tribute to Aston Villa, his favourite football team.

BBC presses Mackay to allow cameras in court

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

THE BBC has been discussing the televising of court proceedings in England and Wales with the Lord Chancellor for more than a year.

The corporation confirmed the talks with Lord Mackay of Clashfern yesterday as it announced a series that will include the first High Court trial to be broadcast in Britain. *The Trial*, a five-part series starting on BBC2 in November, contains footage of Scottish cases involving charges of attempted murder, armed robbery and drug dealing and could pave the way for live broadcasts of trials throughout the country.

Michael Jackson, the controller of BBC2, said that he hoped the series would increase the pressure for cameras to be allowed into courtrooms. "*The Trial* is a coup, a first. We would now like to film in courts outside Scotland," he said. "If print journalists can be there, why can't television? Anything that shows the complexity of the justice system must be good."

Nick Catliff, the series' producer, said that everybody taking part in the televised trials had given their consent, apart from certain jury members who would not be identified. He was allowed to film in only 1 per cent of the cases where he sought permission. He said: "Most people's images of the courts come from programmes such as *Rumpole* and *LA Law*, which are totally inaccurate. The only people who really know what goes on are the lawyers. There's a huge gap in public knowledge about it."

Mr Catliff said that Lord MacKay had reacted enthusiastically to a preview of the first of the *The Trial*'s five episodes. A spokeswoman from the Lord Chancellor's department said that he would be viewing the BBC's television experience with interest.

The BBC2 programmes are the result of close co-operation with Lord Hope, Scotland's Lord President, who agreed in December 1992 to permit a controlled experiment in televised justice. Scotland is not covered by the ban on cameras which was introduced in English and Welsh courts in 1925 and which would require a change in legislation to be removed.

In April BBC Scotland screened a regional programme in its *Focal Point* series showing a sheriff court trial of a man accused of taking a bus. *The Trial*, to be shown nationally, includes interviews with defence and prosecution lawyers, police officers and the accused. BBC2 is also planning to show early next year real courtroom cases imported from the American cable network Court TV.

☐ BBC2's £65 million autumn schedule includes a £4 million six-part adaptation of Charles Dickens's *Martin Chuzzelwit*; the quiz show *University Challenge*, returning to the screen after seven years and hosted by Jeremy Paxman; the 26 episodes of Jeremy Isaacs's 1973 series *The World At War*, running up to the fiftieth anniversary of VE day next May; and six programmes in a television version of Radio 4's debating programme *The Moral Maze*, chaired by Michael Buerk.



Jackson: "a huge gap in public knowledge"

Benefit reforms 'hit half the poorest'

By Nigel Hawkes

THE Government's social security reforms of the 1980s left almost half of the poorest people worse off, an analysis published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation shows.

The unemployed and those without children were the biggest losers in the reforms made under the 1986 Social Security Act. Although it had been intended to target benefits more accurately on the poorest, the actual effect was to shuffle money around without reducing poverty, according to Martin Evans of the London School of Economics, who carried out the analysis for the foundation.

Among the poorest fifth of claimants, 46 per cent were worse off by 1990-91 as a result of the changes, he said. This was because the new system of income support was less generous than the system it replaced, students and young people between 16 and 18 lost entitlement to benefit altogether, and claimants were obliged to find a fifth of their rates (later the community charge) from their own resources. Full compensation was restored in 1993, with the advent of the council tax.

Dr Evans said: "Our analysis shows great churning of incomes among the poorest families and individuals, but without any discernible effect on their overall numbers. Although most couples with children, sick and disabled people and the very elderly gained during the first four years of the reforms, the average improvement in their incomes hid substantial minorities who were losers. "Single people, childless couples and the unemployed unequivocally lost out as a result of the reforms."

He gave a warning that the reforms were likely to make social security more expensive in future. This was because the simplified system had increased the number of people applying for benefit, and made it more difficult to increase one means-tested benefit without also increasing others. The new rules governing housing benefit meant that it would be difficult to cut spending without creating a deeper poverty trap.

The cost of housing benefit was growing because of the Government's policy of increasing rents in the social housing sector. But any attempt to slow this increase by altering the rate at which tenants lose benefit as their earnings rise would risk removing any incentive to work.

☐ *The effects of the 1986 Social Security Act on Family Incomes* (available from The Welfare State Programme, LSE, Houghton St, London WC2 2AE).



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Closure of 5 transfusion centres 'puts public at risk'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A THIRD of the blood transfusion centres in England are to be closed in a reorganisation to improve efficiency and save £10 million a year.

The closures, announced yesterday by the National Blood Authority, were condemned by the public service union Unison, which said that the decision might put public safety at risk.

Sir Colin Walker, the chairman of the National Blood Authority, said that jobs would be lost, but it was hoped that no compulsory redundancies will be needed.

Unison said that the closures could threaten supplies. "To close facilities now is a highly risky game when centres already operate on very narrow margins of supply," Kevin Greene, Unison's national officer, said. "For example, blood supplies in the South East ran out last week, and emergency supplies had to be obtained from Oxford — one of the centres now facing closure."

However, the blood authority says the changes will facilitate such transfers, not make them harder. New blood stockholding units are to be set up so that no hospital will be more than two hours from one of them. A new computer system will keep track of blood stocks throughout England.

The plans call for the closure of centres in Liverpool, Oxford, Brentwood, Lancaster and Plymouth, by consolidating them with others. The changes will affect the administration, testing and processing of blood, with the arrangements for collection relatively unchanged. John Adey, the authority's chief executive, said that until it took over the management of the service in April, each of the 15 centres had been run separately.

"Inevitably, much duplication of effort and inconsistency has crept in over the years," he said. "We now have an opportunity to introduce greater coordination and standardise procedures to improve quality wherever possible, and simplify the management structure." He denied that the changes were a prelude to privatisation: "That hasn't been discussed at all — it isn't on the agenda," Mr Adey said.

Unison said it would be calling a meeting of its members working in the blood transfusion service to consider how to fight the plans. "More than 1,000 jobs out of a total of 5,200 in the service are at risk if a third of the main transfusion centres close," Mr Greene said. "To present these as amalgamations is just a smokescreen."

Every year more than two million blood donations are made. Until now, most of the donated blood has been used in the same area where it was given, but the new organisation will provide a greater opportunity to make up shortfalls in one area from surpluses in another.

In general, rural areas provide more blood than cities, where blood donation is more difficult to organise. Supply and demand in England are more or less in balance, although holiday periods can cause temporary shortages. A computer system is to be installed to identify what blood is where, and what type it is, so that it can be more easily moved if needed elsewhere.

Brawn adds brains

GLASGOW'S nightclub bouncers will soon be able to mix brains with brawn after attending their own university course (Gillian Bowditch writes).

The city's Caledonian University hopes the course — management development for stewards in entertainment and leisure — will be licensed later this week and launched next month.

Fiona Shaw, a university spokeswoman, said that students would be taught first aid, drug awareness and conflict management, where they will learn how to defuse potentially violent situations. At the end of the course there will be a multiple-choice exam.

There are places for 24 students and there has already been strong interest, Ms Shaw said. The course organisers have worked closely with Strathclyde Police and fire departments, which will be involved in teaching.

Training may help a relaxation of the curfew at Glasgow nightclubs, which are not allowed to admit people after 12.30am and must close by 3am because of increasing violence in the city centre.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Lloyds leaders

AFTER three rounds of Britain's premier open tournament, the Lloyds Bank Masters at the Cumberland Hotel in London, the lead is shared with a 100 per cent score by Alexander Chernin (Hungary), Ilya Gurevich (USA), Victor Frias (USA), Utut Adianto (Indonesia), Margeir Petursson (Iceland) and Mark Hebden (England). The following game against an English grandmaster helped Frias reach the front.

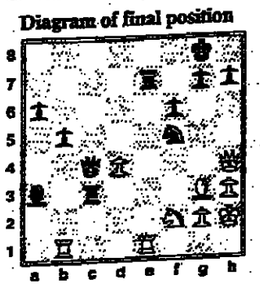
White: Matthew Sadler
Black: Victor Frias
Lloyds Bank, August 1994

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25	Qh5	Bxa3
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30	Bg3	Re7
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33	Rb1	Nd5

White lost on time

Diagram of final position



Luke draws again

Luke McShane, the ten-year-old English prodigy, continued his excellent performance in the Lloyds Bank Masters in round three.

Having in round two set the record of becoming the youngest English player to draw with a grandmaster, Luke also drew in the third round against the international master Marcin Kaminski of Poland. Luke now has the score of two points from three games.

Novgorod update

Scores after eight rounds of the Novgorod tournament are: Kasparov 6, Ivanchuk 5.5, Kramnik 4.5, Shirov and Short 3, Bareev 2.

World draughts

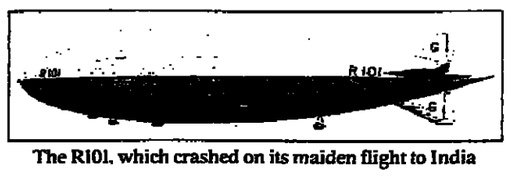
In the Silicon Graphics world draughts championship in Boston, Dr Marion Tinsley, the defending champion, retired after six consecutive draws, claiming ill-health. The world title went by default to his opponent, the Canadian computer program Chinook. Chinook was immediately set a new challenge from grandmaster Don Lafferty, the US Open draughts champion. After ten games, the score is one win each with eight draws. Ten games remain to be played.

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PETER TRIEVNOR



The huge hangar at Cardington, where airships were built, "which has to be visited to appreciate its size"



The R101, which crashed on its maiden flight to India

Hidden heritage opens its doors

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE Civic Trust is to open a thousand properties previously kept from public view to encourage appreciation of Britain's heritage.

Cheltenham Ladies' College, a nuclear bunker, the hangar that housed the ill-fated R101 airship, and the Willis Corroon offices in Ipswich, the first modern building to receive a grade one listing, are among the buildings that will be open on September 10 and 11.

John Rae-Smith, of the Civic Trust, said the heritage open days were a response to an initiative by the Council of Europe. About 26 countries will be holding open days. Admission to the buildings will be free, and the event is backed by the National Heritage Department.

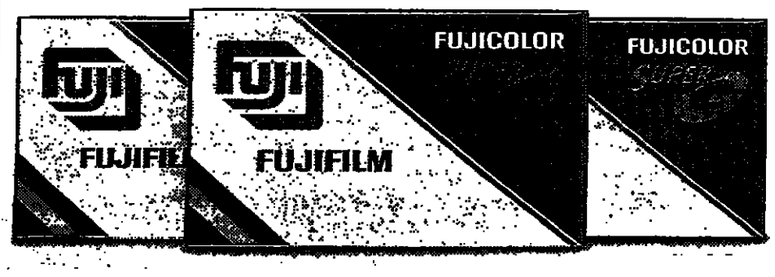
"We hope the days will help to broaden the opportunity for people to enjoy the benefits of our heritage and culture." Mr Rae-Smith said. The airship hangar at Cardington, Bedfordshire, is 250 metres long and 85 metres wide, rising to a height of 55 metres. "Without visiting the building it is impossible to comprehend its incredible size," Mr Rae-Smith said. The R101 left there in 1930 on its first trip to India, but was destroyed when it crashed into a hillside in France.

The building has been converted into what is claimed to be the world's largest enclosed laboratory, used by the Building Research Establishment.

Also open to the public will be Highbury, the Birmingham home of the statesman Joseph Chamberlain from 1880 until his death in 1914.

The house was named after the London suburb where Chamberlain spent his childhood. It includes furniture specially made for the family.

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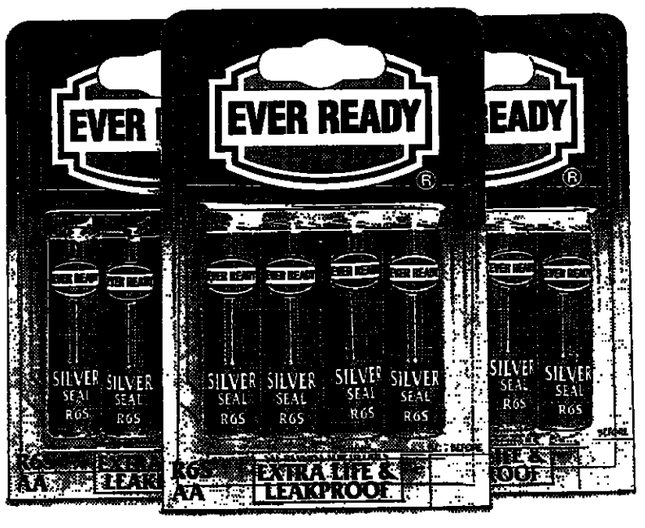
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Captain criticised for lack of action

Automatic pilot took jet 500ft from terminal

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

A JUMBO jet carrying more than 200 people came within 500ft of crashing on to a crowded terminal when an automatic landing system failed.

The incident happened when the Continental Airways Boeing 747 was approaching Gatwick after an overnight flight from Houston.

A report by the Department of Transport's air accident investigation branch (AAIB) says the computer meant to pick up Gatwick's landing beam failed to do so.

When it became clear that something was wrong three miles from touchdown, the crew decided to abort the landing and make a second attempt. However, the navigation equipment again failed to pick up the beam and the aircraft was approaching well to the right of the runway.

The report says: "The lowest recorded altitude the aircraft reached was 432ft at half a nautical mile from touchdown: it was displaced about 900ft to the right of the centre line. The published elevation of the highest point on the south terminal building was 316ft; this point was about 500ft to the right of the aircraft's track."

The pilot finally chose to land manually, which he accomplished safely on the third approach.

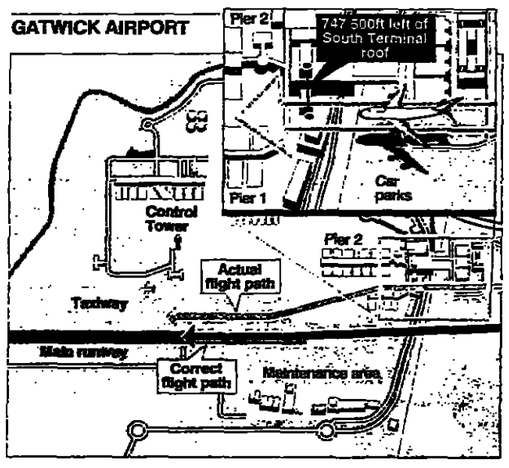
The AAIB recommends that the manufacturer should install a warning device in the cockpit to alert the crew if the navigation equipment has failed.

It admits, however, that it was baffled by the incident, which happened in February last year. This was partly because the problem was not reported until after the aircraft had returned to America, where the computer and navigation equipment was changed.

The investigators believe that the cause was a fault in the computer system. But they also criticise the captain and crew and an air traffic control worker.

They say the crew failed to appreciate that the navigational information being presented to them on the flight deck was correct. Also, the captain failed to appreciate how far off line the aircraft was on the second approach, and to take prompt action to regain the correct approach path.

The number two radar director at Gatwick, too, did not realise the extent of the aircraft's deviation, which caused him to pass misleading information to the captain.





The goldfinch, left, Tengmalm's owl and the black woodpecker from Gould's collection. Kept in the dark, the colours have remained fresh

Gould's lost flock may produce £1m nest egg

BY JOHN SHAW

A SPECTACULAR collection of 232 watercolours of British birds worth £1 million and believed lost to the art world for more than a century is to be auctioned at Christie's, it was announced yesterday.

They are original studies for one of the finest large illustrated books, John Gould's five-volume series *The Birds of Great Britain*, published between 1862 and 1873.

It was the best ornithological record of its time and is still prized for the quality of its 367 illustrations. The original watercolours were thought to be lost after Gould died in 1881.

However, the bulk of them has come to light in Sussex and is being sold by a distant relative of Frederick du Cane Godman, a natural scientist who was one of the original subscribers to the book which then cost £78/15s.

He is thought to have acquired the drawings through Henry Southeran, the London bookseller, who bought much of the 30 tonnes of Gould's stock. The drawings were kept in two wooden chests away from the light which has ensured that the condition of the colours has remained fresh. Andrew Clayton-Payne, head of Christie's British watercolours and drawings department, said.

"They show a vast variety of birds native to the fields, woods, hedgerows and moors. So comprehensive was his survey that this work remained a standard reference for generations of bird lovers. It is extremely rare for watercolours commissioned by Gould to appear on the market, and unheard of in such quantity," Mr Clayton-Payne said.

The sale will be held in London on October 4. Estimates range from £800 to £15,000. The watercolours display a vitality often lost in the finished lithographs. The studies range from the goldfinch and the great-crested grebe to birds of prey such as the snowy owl and the lesser-spotted eagle.

Mr Clayton-Payne said: "We think of ecological disaster and conservation as 20th century concerns, but this collection shows that birds were persecuted equally vigorously in the 19th century."

Among them was the great-crested grebe, reduced to 40 pairs by 1860. Its feathers were in demand for hats, but fashion changed, a protection act was passed and grebes are plentiful today.

Man-made beaches to save homes from flooding

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SANDY beaches are to be created along the east coast as part of a scheme to halt the erosion of the Lincolnshire coastline and save 15,000 homes from flooding.

But the scheme, which the National Rivers Authority (NRA) begins today, has been dismissed as counter-productive and a waste of taxpayers' money by a leading coastal scientist. Professor John Pethick of Hull University said yesterday that the beach nourishment project, which involves sucking up millions of tonnes of sand from the seabed and pumping it ashore, was likely to accelerate the erosion.

"The beaches will disappear again so they will have to keep on doing it, and work by Dutch scientists suggests that the beaches disappear faster if you feed them than otherwise."

Professor Pethick said that in the long term it made more scientific and economic sense to let nature take its course by a managed retreat of vulnerable coastal areas.

That view is starting to be accepted by planners and government. At Porlock Bay in Somerset the National Trust and the NRA is attempting a managed retreat by abandoning coastal defences to the sea. Villagers and estate owners who farm barley and reeds for thatching want the policy stopped.

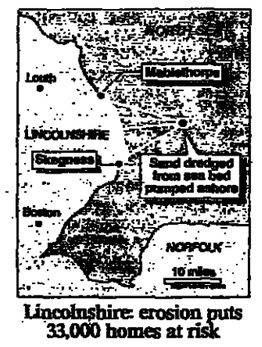
An experimental, managed retreat is also planned in the Blackwater estuary in Essex where the Government is paying farmers compensation for low-grade land to be lost to the sea. Professor Pethick said the experiment would begin with the demolition of sea walls.

"If beaches are eroding we should ask ourselves why and see how we can go with nature," he said.

However, Robert Runcie, of the river authority's Anglian region, which is carrying out the beach rejuvenation in Lincolnshire, said it would be impractical to abandon all sections of the coast to the elements. "On the coast here we would be talking about moving back to the high lands fronted by the Wolds. What we do has to be justified against spending public money wisely. Defending this coastline means protecting 15,000 residences, 18,000 holiday residences and 20,000 hectares of low-lying land which has a history of flooding and death," he said.

Mr Runcie said circumstances in Lincolnshire were quite different to places such as the Blackwater estuary or Porlock Bay.

Under the NRA project, dredgers will begin sucking up 13 million tonnes of sand from the seabed 20 km offshore. The sand will be pumped ashore and sprayed on to the coastline to rejuvenate beaches and create new ones. It is hoped the four-year project, which will cover the coast from Mablethorpe to Skegness, will greatly reduce the threat to homes, holiday complexes, caravan sites and wildlife sites.



Lincolnshire: erosion puts 33,000 homes at risk

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Romanian nationalists rewrite verdict on pro-Nazi tyrant



Antonescu: overthrown by King Michael 50 years ago

AS WAR and instability swirl through the Balkans, Romanians yesterday marked the 50th anniversary of the fall of Ion Antonescu, the pro-Nazi dictator who was ousted by King Michael.

The anniversary has stirred mixed emotions in the country where anti-Russian feeling, nationalism, anti-Semitism and the government's deep antipathy to King Michael have combined to prompt a partial rehabilitation of the dictator, executed as a war criminal in 1946.

The anniversary of Antonescu's dismissal was marked by the Communists as a national day of liberation. Nicolae Ceausescu, the executed dictator, called it a "day of social and national liberation" for which he took personal credit.

Although the arrest of Antonescu ended Bucharest's alliance with Nazi Germany and his deportation of Jews, many Romanians have begun to question the long orthodoxy that portrayed the dictator and the fascist Iron Guard as criminals. Fifty years later he is widely credited as a man who stood up to the Russians, fought to regain Romanian territory lost during the wartime upheavals, and asserted Romanian strength in the southern Balkans.

■ The overthrow of the Romanian dictator, Antonescu, was celebrated by the Communists but Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor, explains why the pro-Nazi leader is being seen in a new light

A bust of Antonescu was erected in the southern town of Slobozia last year. Newspapers have run articles painting a more ambiguous portrait of his rule. Questions are being asked about the "liberation" that led straight to communism. In the general ideological confusion, subtle attempts are being made by nationalists to rehabilitate his reputation.

Antonescu's role in history is particularly relevant today because King Michael, 73, is strongly supported by some Romanians who would like to see him return from exile. However, the King, the last head of state during the Second World War who is still alive, is vigorously opposed by the post-Communist government, which has been attempting to show that he was in league with the Soviet Union in ousting Antonescu. President Iliescu, a former reformist Communist, has been careful to steer a middle path, neither condoning nor condemning the rehabilitation of Antonescu. He depends on support from right-wing nationalists, but has made no secret of his dislike of King Michael and has prevented the former monarch from returning to Romania.

The King, in a message from his exile in Switzerland, described August 23, 1944, as "the beginning of a military action essential to our history". He added: "Unfortunately, the meaning of this day has been mystified over the past five decades."

The anniversary comes as the historical legacy of communism is creating fresh turmoil elsewhere in the Balkans. Greece, which fought a bitter civil war in the 1940s, yesterday saw an intensification of its quarrels with Albania and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, both its former Communist neighbours. Macedonia yesterday accused Greece of violating its airspace, saying a Greek jet flew four miles into the republic's territory. The Ministry of Defence in Skopje said that the plane flew at 1,500ft near the village of Krani. The Foreign Ministry sent a protest note to the Greek authorities, and alleged that similar incidents had occurred several times in the past year. There was no immediate reaction from Athens, which has imposed a trade embargo on its northern neighbour and refused the use of Salonika for any transit trade.

Albania has recalled its Ambassador from Athens after months of worsening relations. The government in Tirana urged Washington and Nato to put pressure on Greece to stop what it called provocative acts. President Berisha recalled Hysen Cabej from Athens on Monday after a Greek plane flew over Albania dropping leaflets calling for the overthrow of the government.

The incident came after mounting tensions over the position of the Greek minority in Albania, the illegal Albanian immigrants in Greece and provocations along the border by both sides. Greece said yesterday that the plane was stolen, and described the flight as irresponsible.

□ Bucharest: Romania's ruling Socialists, who last week brought nationalists into the Cabinet to shore up support, said yesterday that they were prepared to negotiate a possible new reshuffle with another radical party. The anti-Semitic Greater Romania Party demanded two Cabinet posts and 36 other key positions last Friday, a day after the government handed two ministries to the anti-Hungarian Romanian National Unity Party. *(Reuter)*

Karadzic predicts solid 'No' vote in peace referendum

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

STANDING before 10,000 people Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said: "We will never betray you." The formidable crowd that rallied in the northern town of Banja Luka on Sunday was proof, if any were needed, that the Bosnian Serbs are not about to bend before the increasingly vitriolic pressure from Belgrade and agree to the latest peace plan.

"We understand those who are hard pressed by sanctions," said Dr Karadzic in a bitter broadside aimed at the Serbs of Serbia, "but they are paying in comfort, while we are paying for our struggle in blood."

In a television interview broadcast from Pale, Dr Karadzic predicted that there would be an overwhelming rejection of an international peace plan in this weekend's referendum. Military analysts said yesterday that they now feared an all-out war during the coming winter.

"I expect 90 to 95 per cent of voters to say "No", judging by what I have seen and heard," Dr Karadzic said. The referendum is being held to measure Bosnian Serb opposition to a proposed territorial settlement that would end the war by splitting the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina roughly equally between a federation of Muslims and Croats and their Serb foes.

While Bosnian Serb leaders are telling their people that they have a stark choice between liberty or death an air of increasing desperation pervades the corridors of power in Belgrade. Feeling that the Serbs can get no better deal in Bosnia, President Milosevic of Serbia has closed the border to all but private traffic and cut telephone lines in a bid to get Dr Karadzic to agree. So far nothing has worked and a senior Serb source who asked not to be named remarked gloomily that the Bosnian Serbs were reacting to Serbia's embargo just as Belgrade had to the one imposed by the United Nations — defiantly.

Hopes in Belgrade that Dr Karadzic might be replaced by his military strongman, General Ratko Mladic, are also fading. "Potential for change is almost exclusively linked to Mladic," said the Serb source "but for him it is nearly impossible to accept the plan."

To make matters worse, the international community is pressing Mr Milosevic to allow the stationing of observers on the border, something which he feels will undermine his support. Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy, was in Belgrade yesterday to do this, but Mr Milosevic will find it hard to agree unless he is offered something significant in return.

During the war between the Muslims and Croats, government-controlled central Bosnia survived, totally isolated for almost a year. The Bosnian Serbs are far better prepared to survive such a blockade than central Bosnia ever was. The greatest problem facing the Bosnian Serbs is oil, but it seems that this problem is already being overcome.

"Trade has flourished recently between Croatia and the Bosnian Serb Republic," reports the Serbian newspaper *Svet*. "Karadzic is being sold literally everything he needs: arms, spares, ammunition, oil, food, medicine and clothing."



Helmut Kohl comforting Manfred Wörner's widow, Elfie, at a memorial service in the Bonn parliament yesterday

Kohl pays tribute to Wörner's skills as Nato chief

Bonn: Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, yesterday praised Nato's late Secretary-General, Manfred Wörner, as an outstanding personality and strategic thinker who led the alliance through the end of the Cold War. Wörner, who died of cancer on August 13, played a vital role in persuading Nato allies that German unification in 1990 cast no doubt on his country's commitment to the alliance, Herr Kohl told guests at a memorial service in Bonn's parliament. "His appointment, made in the time of the East-West conflict, was a stroke of luck for the alliance. In his six years as Secretary-General he was a strong leader who knew how to bring people together and balance differing opinions." Herr Kohl also praised the fighting spirit with which Wörner faced the cancer that killed him. *(Reuter)*

Court gives go-ahead to free HIV doctor

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

A PARIS court yesterday rebuffed a judge's attempt to block the release of the principal doctor in France's scandal over contaminated blood, but it failed to settle the question of whether he can be tried again on more serious charges.

The appeal chamber annulled a remand order by Odile Bartella-Geffroy, an examining magistrate, against Dr Michel Garretta, who is serving a four-year sentence for distributing HIV-contaminated blood as head of the national transfusion service. With half of his term soon to be completed, Dr Garretta could be released on bail.

Mme Bartella-Geffroy has caused uproar in the legal world by charging Dr Garretta and Dr Jean-Pierre Allain, another health official, with the crime of poisoning for their role in the 1985 scandal, which led to the death of more than 300 people.

The doctors and a colleague were convicted in 1992 of the lesser offence of fraudulently distributing goods. Judge Bartella-Geffroy reopened the case amid an outcry from victims' families, who believed that the initial charges were too lenient.

Pretoria gives police 'iron fist'

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN PRETORIA

SOUTH Africa's new Police Minister yesterday unveiled what he happily called the "iron fist" method of dealing with the country's rapidly growing crime wave.

Without waiting for the results of a national audit of police resources, Sydney Mufamadi announced that police had identified four flashpoint areas where crime rates were high and growing.

Mr Mufamadi blamed apartheid for the high crime rate in the flashpoint areas. Thanks to the policies of the past, he said, 80 per cent of police stations were in white areas. Staff levels in the four flashpoint areas would be increased by 40 per cent.

The hitherto hated Internal Stability Unit will protect and support detectives investigating violent crime in townships, and eye-in-the-sky helicopter units will be launched as part of a new technological assault on crime. Mr Mufamadi also announced a campaign for greater community participation to create "a climate where all criminal activity is actively prevented and opposed".

The burgeoning incidence of robbery and murder has caused much heart-searching among the leaders of the new South Africa, who are convinced that the risk of mugging or murder is a disincentive to foreign investment. So far this year 164 police have been killed, and the rate is increasing. President Mandela promised in the speech last week marking the end of his first 100 days in office that specific proposals would be made to combat criminals.

Dr Lee Brown, director of the White House Office for Drug Control Policy, who is on an official visit to South Africa, said that its return to the international fold had made it attractive to drug traffickers. He commended South African leaders for their stand against the narcotics trade.

Ice cream wars dog Madagascar

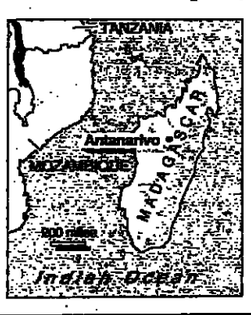
BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

MADAGASCAR, the biggest source of vanilla in the world, where the air is constantly perfumed with its aroma, has been warned that its farmers are pricing themselves out of world markets.

The pods that flavour much of the world's ice cream, and which have become a health-food fad, are still the country's leading export but at £45 per kilogram more expensive than exports from Indonesia, which is becoming the Indian Ocean island's chief rival. Uganda, too, is rapidly redeveloping a vanilla industry, now that political stability has returned. Vanilla exports are also under pressure from artificial vanilla flavouring. In the United States, which takes more than half the world crop of pods, 90 per cent of the market is now supplied by artificial aromas.

Now, according to the World Bank, Madagascar's exports could dry up altogether in the next six years. The bank has suggested the price be lowered to the Indonesian level of £32 per kilogram.

But price liberalisation is being resisted sternly, particularly by the large exporters. "For the past 30 years, Madagascar has managed to secure pretty much the price it wanted. The effect of telling the country to liberalise has been to destabilise the whole situation," the director of a major exporter said. "In the short term freeing of prices might benefit the consumers, but sooner or later the quality would be bound to suffer."



Britain sets up Kigali mission to oversee huge aid effort

Chalker to visit Rwanda next month

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND SAM KILEY IN BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI

UNHERALDED and unannounced, a British diplomat has slipped into Kigali to co-ordinate the huge British aid effort and prepare for the visit next week by Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Minister of Overseas Development.

Paul Whiteway, a First Secretary and Africa specialist in the Foreign Office, arrived in the Rwandan capital last week and has rented a battered but habitable house from the American Embassy where he has set up a new British Representative post. Britain does not have a permanent embassy in Rwanda, which is covered by the British High Commission in Kampala, Uganda.

However, Britain has sent about £60 million in aid to Rwanda since April, one of the largest bilateral sums sent to any country after India, which receives £100 million a year. Some of the aid has been channelled through the European Union, but the Government believes it is important to have its own representative on the spot who, with two officials from the Overseas Development Administration, can assess what more needs to be done.

Mr Whiteway arrived directly from Britain via Kampala, where he loaded his Land-Rover with enough supplies to make him independent of the country's chaotic supply lines. The Kigali mission is planned initially to last for three months, though Mr Whiteway may leave earlier. He returns every five days to Kampala to co-ordinate policy. He has already had talks with senior officials in the new Rwandan government, including the Foreign Minister and the Secretary of the Rwandan Patriotic Front. He is now preparing for a visit by Baroness Chalker, who will leave for Bujumbura in Burundi on August 31, and subsequently visit Rwanda.

Yesterday, fears that vast hordes of desperate Rwandan refugees were rushing into Zaire diminished as United Nations workers said that as many people were heading into areas occupied by their former enemies as were escaping to Zaire.

Turan Azim, a member of the World Food Programme's team in Gikongoro, the town on the edge of the safe zone recently handed over by French soldiers to UN peacekeepers, said that life for the 500,000 people in camps there was "perfectly normal".

Trevor Page, director of the WFP in Bukavu, where about 100,000 refugees had settled across the border from Rwanda, said that there had been a steady movement by Rwandans anxious to return home.

This latest news appeared to contradict media reports predicting that Bukavu would be Zaire's "second Goma", where tens of thousands of Rwandan refugees have perished from cholera and thirst. The latest figures from American officials who have been conducting aerial surveys of Goma also indicated that there are far fewer refugees there than had been previously reported.

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Republicans try to derail crime Bill in Senate

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

SENATE Republicans tried to sabotage President Clinton's *crime Bill yesterday to rob* him of the prestige gained after its successful passage at the second attempt through the House of Representatives on Sunday.

Mr Clinton, reportedly furious, wrote to all 100 senators — 56 Democrats, 44 Republicans — saying: "It's time to put politics aside and finish the job." He reminded them that they had voted for most of the pared-down Bill's provisions months ago.

Republicans were alarmed that 46 of their number had sided with Mr Clinton in the House after he had made *concessions. They feared that* he would gain an advantage in the forthcoming congressional elections by hailing himself as the man who had cracked Washington's "gridlock". It was a precarious strategy for the Republicans. They ran the risk of being sullied as the party that was against tougher action on crime.

Republicans were trying to orchestrate a parliamentary manoeuvre that would sink the Bill in the Senate unless the Democrats rounded up 60 votes, that is, four more Republican defectors. As the day *dragged on, Democrats said* they could count on two, but it was unclear when the issue would come to a division. Republicans denied that they *were playing politics.* The leading objector, Phil Gramm of Texas, a foe of gun control, insisted that they were still unhappy with the ban on 19 types of rapid-fire assault weapons. They argued that the ban would not prevent criminals from obtaining the guns while the constitutional right of law-abiding Americans to bear arms would be breached. The National Rifle Association, a contributor to many campaign coffers, continued to lobby hard for deletion of the ban.

Mr Gramm and his supporters also had a new list of *demands for harsher penalties* that would, as he put it euphemistically, "grab the crooks by the lapels". Among the proposals: elimination of a provision in the crime Bill to let non-violent drug offenders petition for parole after two years in prison; addition of ten years without parole for selling drugs to a child; strengthening minimum sentences for all armed offences; and cutting another $5 billion (£3.3 billion) from crime prevention programmes on top of the $3 billion already removed.

One defecting Republican, Arlen Specter from Pennsylva*nia, a former district attorney,* said he thought the Bill was well balanced.

CARTOONISTS AND WRITERS' SYNDICATE



The National Rifle Association's role in the crime Bill's woes, as seen by Gable of *The Globe and Mail*, Toronto



Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, Democratic Revolutionary Party leader, who claims fraud in the elections, addressing a Mexico City rally with his wife and son

Ruling party polls below 50 per cent for first time in its history

Million Mexicans deprived of vote

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MEXICO CITY

GOVERNMENT officials have admitted that a shortage of ballot papers deprived at least a million Mexicans of the chance to vote in Sunday's election, which was won by *the ruling Institutional Revo*lutionary Party (PRI).

But opposition leaders, blaming "electoral alchemy" by which names were mysteriously erased from the electoral roll, claim the number of those unable to vote was even higher, perhaps eight million in an enfranchised population of 45 million. They have refused to recognise the victory of Ernesto Zedillo, the PRI candidate, and have called for public protests to demand a full investigation.

With 50 per cent of votes counted by late yesterday, the PRI has kept a steady lead, with 48 per cent of votes cast. The opposition National Action Party (PAN) has 30 per cent and the Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD) 16 per cent. Analysts and politicians agree, however, that given a final PRI margin of victory of more than five million votes it is unlikely that irregularities altered the outcome.

But for the first time since the PRI established its highly authoritarian "state-party" system 65 years ago, it polled below 50 per cent. The PRI's loss of an overall voting majority, although it will retain a healthy majority in both houses of congress, may provide the opposition with greater moral authority in its demands for an accelerated transition to true democracy.

Diego Fernández, the PAN's leader, said: "Though the system resists death, it is virtually dead and does not work any more. Today Mexico is different. Change has just begun. These are times of more accelerated changes."

Whatever happens, Señor Zedillo faces a difficult task in holding together the cumbersome PRI while answering demands for reforms that would reduce the party's power and his own strength within in. He will take the party to the end of the century, when it will *complete more than 70 years* in power, a world record that outdoes even that of the Chinese Communist Party.

He may be in little doubt about the economic direction of his government, which inherits the policy of his predecessor, President Salinas de Gortari, and a North American Free Trade Agreement that ties Mexico's fortunes to America and Canada, creating the world's most powerful trading block.

Señor Zedillo is, in fact, eminently qualified for the job of continuing to move Mexico from a closed, state-dominated economy to free trade and export-driven growth. He was a scholarship student at Yale University, where he obtained an MA and PhD in economics.



Zedillo: will take his party to a world record

He also studied for a year at Bradford University before moving into banking in Mexico and then politics.

But some Mexican experts question his qualifications, and also his intentions, when it comes to modernising the PRI, which remains an authoritarian party with one of the biggest party machines in the world. Even more crucial is the PRI's role in Mexico's uneven political system, where it is entrenched as the official party of state in a crude, symbiotic relationship with all organs of government and the public bureaucracy.

Señor Zedillo is a creature of the system with little political experience and owing many favours to those who put him where he is. During the campaign he vowed that, if elected, he would give up the control that all his predecessors have exercised over the party's internal affairs. He has also made weak references to the need for more plural government and making the PRI more independent from the state.

The surprisingly large margin of the PRI's victory, however, may have strengthened the party's "Jurassic Park" old guard, making reform more difficult.

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Tough US line failing to stem Cuban exodus

BY IAN BRODIE

American officials stepped up their appeals to Cubans not to put to sea in rafts yesterday, telling them that they had no chance of being admitted to the United States as political refugees. But they still came in droves.

Nearly 2,400 were picked up in 24 hours, a new record, despite broadcasts from American government radio stations in Florida urging Cubans to stay in their country. "There's a tidal wave of people out there," said William Perry, Defence Secretary, after flying over the sea between Key West and Cuba.

The continuing exodus was causing anxiety in Washington, where it was being asked whether President Clinton and his aides were making up foreign policy initiatives as they went along. This followed talk of a blockade of Cuba.

Rescue efforts were being handled by 60 US Navy and Coast Guard vessels, with 30 spotter aircraft and reinforcements on the way. All the boat people were being taken to the US naval base at Guantánamo Bay, which already has 15,000 Haitians. The camp has room for 10,000 Cubans and at the current rate could be full within a week. Then the Americans must turn to other so-called safe havens in Surinam, Panama and the Turks and Caicos islands, a British possession, none of which has extended an eager welcome.

There have been two riots by Haitians at Guantánamo and there were signs that Cubans could be growing restless. There has been talk of a hunger strike to press their case for admission to America. David Sánchez Navea said that he and his group set sail for Florida before Mr Clinton's new policy was announced last Friday and were disgusted to have ended up in Guantánamo. Yesterday nearly 300 Marines were assigned to the rescue ships to thwart any hijacking attempts.

Another concern was that desperate Cubans might try to storm the gates of Guantánamo on the southeastern tip of Cuba. Mr Perry said that Cuban authorities had previously planted thousands of mines in the no man's land between the base and Cuban territory. He promised to try to improve conditions at the camp, including sending school supplies for nearly 2,000 children.

After Mr Clinton's announcement reversing 28 years of giving Cubans political asylum, the chances of an exception for those who claim fear of persecution by President Castro were dashed by Doris Meissner, the US Immigration Commissioner, who said the so-called "rafters" have no chance of being considered on political grounds. Instead, they must apply to Washington's diplomatic office in Havana, which can issue 28,000 visas a year in a process that is time-consuming and exposes applicants to harassment by the Castro regime.

Florida's Cuban community of 600,000 was split between applauding Mr Clinton's tough policy and lamenting its impact on people enduring economic hardship. Despite the President's decision to cut off dollar remittances to Cuba, money was still being transferred to relatives from Miami.

The threat to blockade Cuba, issued by Leon Panetta, Mr Clinton's Chief of Staff, caught other Administration officials unawares. Another suggestion is that Mr Clinton wants to help his fellow Democrat, Lawton Chiles, governor of Florida, who faces a fight re-election race against Jeb Bush, Republican son of the former President.

Black civil rights group in disarray as leader is fired

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

RACKED with feuds, deeply in debt and ideologically rudderless, America's largest black civil rights organisation is facing the worst crisis of its 85-year history.

Last Saturday Benjamin Chavis, the executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) was summarily sacked amid charges of sexual harassment and financial mismanagement. The revelation that Mr Chavis had paid $332,400 (£221,600) from the group's funds to a female member of staff to settle accusations of sexual harassment led to weeks of bruising internal debate, denials and counter-charges, and finally the abrupt removal of the NAACP figurehead after just 16 months in office.

On Monday, Mr Chavis fired back with a lawsuit claiming he had been unfairly dismissed by the NAACP board since he had not been granted an adequate hearing. The suit requested an injuction to allow Mr Chavis to keep his $200,000-a-year post until the matter was resolved. An interim head, Earl Shinoster, has been appointed.

The incident has left the organisation furiously divided over ideology, money and personalities. Once the most powerful and respected civil rights group in America, the NAACP is now faced with debts in excess of $3 million, declining membership figures and deep uncertainty about its future role.

Mr Chavis's opponents accuse him of arrogance and *profligacy, claiming he trav*elled widely and unnecessarily, continually renting expensive limousines for personal use. But it was Mr Chavis's public alliance with Louis Farrakhan, the radical and periodically anti-Semitic leader of the Nation of Islam, and his courting of black gangs which most seriously angered many traditionally moderate and middle-class rank and file members.

Mr Chavis has accused his enemies of "lynching" him with "an organised campaign to defame my character and *my integrity*".

Before Mr Chavis's appointment the NAACP was widely perceived to be out of touch with the concerns of young black Americans, a situation which Mr Chavis allegedly did little to improve by "running around making speeches [instead of] sitting there listening to their problems", in the words of one of the board members. The battle over Mr Chavis's dismissal has resulted in the "complete institutional collapse" of the group, according to Michael Meyers of the New York Civil Rights Coalition.

The organisation now faces the problem of selecting a permanent successor to Mr Chavis with enough influence to bring the warring parties together and sort out its dire finances. The Rev Jesse Jackson, the former presidential candidate, is reportedly among the contenders.



Chavis says enemies want to "lynch" him

Beer drinkers outstrip wine tipplers in violence table

FROM REUTER IN ADELAIDE

AN INTERNATIONAL study shows that beer-drinking nations have more assaults and domestic violence than those that drink wine, a Dutch crime expert said yesterday.

The pattern is, however, associated with cultural norms rather than any particular quality of the drinks, said Professor Jan van Dyk of the Department of Criminology at Leyden University in The Netherlands. "There is a statistical relationship between *the level of beer consumption* and the level of violent crime," he said after presenting the findings at the eighth International Symposium On Victimology here.

"Countries where people drink a lot of beer also have a bravado culture, where drinking lots of beer and getting into a fight are part of normal recreational patterns," he said. In contrast, he added, there was less violent crime in countries where people drank less or drank wine.

He said the results, gleaned from surveys of more than 40 countries, were part of a continuing study of the relationship between crime and drinking alcohol. Such beer-drinking nations as Germany, The Netherlands, Britain, Canada and Australia were at one end of the violence scale, and wine-drinking countries *like Italy, Greece, Spain and* France at the other.

"I don't think it's the substance itself which makes people violent," Professor van Dyk said. "Traditionally [in southern Europe] you drink wine with the family at the dinner table, whereas in northern Europe there is more of a tradition of males getting together and drinking beer."

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Stormy start to Philippines visit as 'comfort women' stage protests over compensation

Japan's war role clouds Asia tour by Murayama

BY ABBY TAN IN MANILA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A CROWD of protesting former "comfort women" set the tone for an Asian tour by Tomiichi Murayama, Japan's Prime Minister, as he arrived in the Philippines yesterday. His tour is likely to provoke calls for Japan to make ammends for its wartime activities.

About 50 Filipina comfort women picketed the Manila Hotel, where Mr Murayama is staying during his visit to the Philippines capital. Ironically, the hotel served as the headquarters of the Japanese occupation forces during the Second World War and as the office of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, General Douglas MacArthur, who expelled the Japanese from the archipelago. Earlier yesterday about 100 comfort women and their supporters carrying placards reading "Compensation now" demonstrated outside the Japanese Embassy. The women have vowed to hound Mr Murayama during his stay over the issue of Asian women forced to serve as sex slaves for Japanese troops during the Second World War.

The women are demanding about £133,000 each in compensation. Their leader is Rosa Henson, the first Filipina to end decades of silence in 1992 and tell of her experience as one of 200,000 women forced to work as prostitutes for Japanese soldiers.

Before leaving Japan Mr Murayama said he hoped his trip would help strengthen friendly relations between Japan and other Asian nations. But judging by public sentiment displayed so far, his task will be hard.

A Singapore newspaper, the *Business Times*, said in an editorial that Japan has yet to come to terms with its militarism of half a century ago. In reference to two Japanese Cabinet ministers who resigned this year after making remarks that played down Japan's wartime role, the paper said: "It is impossible to say how many more like them there are in Japan . . . simply because the question of Japan's past record in Asia and its future role in the region have never been openly debated."

Even the Japanese public does not believe the government has done enough to atone for the war, a new poll suggests. A survey by the national *Asahi* newspaper published yesterday indicated that 72 per cent of Japanese believe that Asian war victims have not been sufficiently compensated. Only one in five of the people surveyed said they believe Japan is liked by other Asians, and more than half believe Japan is actively disliked, according to the results. South Korean comfort women have already condemned Japan's offer to compensate them through non-governmental donations.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Foreign Secretary, Roberto Romulo, said the issue of comfort women would be discussed when Mr Murayama and President Ramos hold formal talks today. "We have been working on the individual claims, so obviously we are sensitive to the issue," Mr Romulo said.

Mr Murayama is expected to repeat apologies for Japan's wartime atrocities as well as discuss economic and security issues with leaders of the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore during his week-long swing through the region. In remarks prepared for a welcoming banquet, Mr Ramos made only a brief reference to the past, describing it as "something to which we can only reconcile ourselves in the spirit of understanding. On us lies the awesome responsibility to ensure . . . that bygone wounds are healed and past mistakes never repeated," Mr Ramos added.

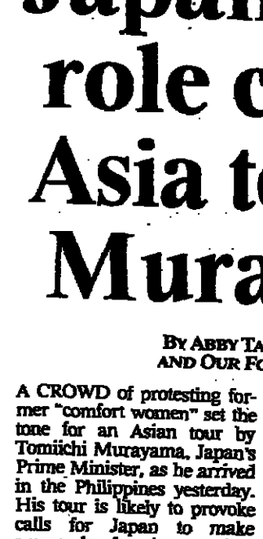
Mr Murayama made no mention of the issue in his prepared speech, instead paying tribute to the economic progress the Philippines has made under Mr Ramos. The President will seek to boost trade with Japan and will ask for an increase in official development assistance which amounted in 1993 to $721.5 million. Japan recently pledged $1.5 billion in assistance for 1994.

About 200,000 comfort women, most of them Koreans but also Filipinas, Chinese, Taiwanese, Indonesians and Dutch, were forcibly recruited by the Japanese imperial army during the war to provide sex for their troops. Tokyo denied the existence of the women until researchers uncovered documents in Japan implicating the government. Amonita Balajadia, 65, and Juanita Jamot, 69, wept during a protest by 44 comfort women outside the Japanese Embassy on Monday. "I was treated like a beast," Ms Jamot said, shaking with anger. "Not even mountains of money will redeem my honour." Ms Balajadia said Japanese soldiers had raped her day and night for one week at a camp in the northern Philippine province of Isabela when she was only 14. She said she escaped.

Ms Jamot said she was 18 when the Japanese abducted her in Manila and took turns raping her for three weeks before she also managed to escape. Eighteen Filipinas, out of 146 cases documented by local women's groups, have filed a class suit in Tokyo demanding compensation.

The Philippines also plans to ask Japan for aid during the Murayama visit for 605 children born to Filipina women abandoned by Japanese fathers. About 100,000 women work in Japan as "entertainers", often as prostitutes.

☐ **Subic loan:** The World Bank said yesterday that it had approved a $40 million loan towards the conversion of the former US Subic naval base into an industrial centre. A World Bank spokesman said the loan was granted on the assumption that Subic would continue a free port. *(AFP)*



MacArthur: based at the Manila Hotel



A Manila policeman restraining a former "comfort woman" who tried to approach a monument where Japan's Prime Minister was to lay a wreath

NEWS IN BRIEF

Algerian university teacher shot dead

Tunis: An Algerian university teacher was shot dead in a daylight attack outside his home in the town of Tizi Ouzou yesterday, a week after Islamic militants set fire to at least eight schools in Algeria.

Algeria's official news agency, APS, said that Rabah Stambouli died of bullet wounds. Last week students and teachers were warned by Islamic militants to stay away from centres of education. The Algerian Islamic Group said that education in Algeria was a hindrance to the task of jihad (holy struggle). *(Reuter)*

Crossfire toll

New York: Two policemen and a bystander were shot in a crowded subway station when uniformed and plainclothes police from different agencies fired at each other during the arrest of an armed man. One policeman is critical. *(AP)*

Singer charged

Aspen: John Denver, the singer, was charged with drunken driving after driving into a tree near Aspen, Colorado, police said. Denver, 50, was not badly hurt. Last year he agreed to give a charity concert as part of a sentence for drink-driving. *(Reuter)*

Prison deaths

Istanbul: Two men and a woman convicted of belonging to the extreme-left revolutionary group Dev-Sol have been found murdered in Turkish prisons, at Istanbul and Ankara, police said. *(AFP)*

Sun victims

Khartoum: Thirty people have died from sun-stroke at Port Sudan in east Sudan. The town has had very high temperatures for nearly a week, the *al-Nasr* newspaper reported. *(Reuter)*

Cat saves baby

Auckland: A three-month-old baby was saved from being attacked by a big dog when the family cat Puss, a grey Abyssinian, scratched it and chased it away in Auckland, New Zealand. The cat was bruised but otherwise unhurt. *(AFP)*

British advisers quit Kampot kidnap talks

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TWO Metropolitan Police officers, helping in the rescue of three Western hostages in Cambodia, have left Kampot, capital of the province where the men were kidnapped, and returned to Phnom Penh, the national capital.

Representatives from the Australian, British and French Embassies left the town in a convoy guarded by soldiers yesterday. The departures come after Cambodia told Western governments to stop interfering in the negotiations. Officers, trained in the rescue of hostages, were originally sent from London to liaise with the British Embassy in the search for two Australians and a Briton who are presumed to have been killed. The Metropolitan Police has had two officers in Cambodia for more than two months, replacing them regularly.

British officials said yesterday that all attempts to secure the release of Mark Slater, from Corby, Northamptonshire, David Wilson, an Australian, and Jean-Michel Braquet, a Frenchman, were being handled by the Cambodian government. They also repeated a strong Foreign Office appeal to journalists not to attempt to contact the hostages.

"There is little doubt that the presence of the media, and especially direct contacts, have not helped. Our judgement, and that of the police, is that it has increased the risk to the hostages and encouraged the kidnappers to stiffen their demands," an official said.

The three Westerners have been held in a mountain stronghold of the Khmer Rouge for nearly a month, and in videotaped appeals have called on their governments to allow a ransom to be paid. Messages have been exchanged between the guerrillas and government intermediaries, but little progress has been made in negotiations. The demand for their release has varied from $50,000 (£32,600) to a "fine" of $1 million to be paid by Australia, France and America.

Mr Slater said last week that Western governments should take over the negotiations from the Cambodians. The guerrillas have said that continuing government military action in the area is jeopardising the lives of the hostages.

American-style advert angers Singapore

FROM REUTER IN SINGAPORE

AN AGENCY has withdrawn a Singapore advertisement after it was criticised by Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister, for promoting American-style insolence.

The advertisement for a children's nutritional supplement, Sustagen, showed a toddler with raised fist and wearing a baseball cap sideways, saying: "Come on, Dad. If you can play golf five times a week, I can have Sustagen once a day." Mr Goh said he found the advert "most objectionable". In an address to a National Day rally, he asked: "Why put an American boy's way of speaking to a father into a Singaporean boy's mouth?" He said that the advertisement would incite familiarity between children and adults, undermining traditions of politeness and deference.

The government has long warned citizens against "Western values" which it views as putting an unhealthy emphasis on individual rights at the expense of the family and society.

Woman forces India to debate homosexuality

Gay prisoners refused condoms

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

India, where gay men can theoretically be jailed for life, is debating the once taboo subject of homosexuality in the wake of a woman prison official's refusal to allow condoms to be issued to male inmates because, she insists, there is no homosexuality in jails.

The discussion is distressing officialdom, which is reluctant to acknowledge that there is widespread sexual activity outside the still hallowed institution of marriage. Like prostitutes, homosexuals do not officially exist in large numbers, although everyone knows there are armies of both.

Kiran Bedi, Inspector-General of Prisons in Delhi, one of the government's highest-ranking women, rejected a recommendation by the Indian Medical Association that condoms be distributed in Delhi's central jail to combat the spread of Aids. With 8,000 male inmates, the prison is the country's largest.

Ms Bedi said that, because of chronic overcrowding, homosexuality was not a serious problem in any Indian jail. Condoms, therefore, were unnecessary. She did concede, however, that there would be homosexuality "in abundance" if there were more privacy. Lawyers are challenging her decision in the Delhi high court.

The country of the *Kama Sutra* and the erotic carvings of Khajuraho still retains an 1860 law making sodomy between consenting adults a criminal offence. The law is rarely enforced, but its existence haunts gays and keeps them underground.

Homosexuals are "coming out" fitfully in Bombay, India's most cosmopolitan city, which has an officially tolerated gay bar, India's first, in a back room of a coffee shop. There is even a gay magazine, *Bombay Dost* (Friend), that leaves little to the imagination. It is an offence to distribute sexually explicit matter by post, but the government allows *Dost* to be posted in plain envelopes on the ground that it contains advice on avoiding Aids.

Beyond Bombay, however, gays lead a furtive and persecuted existence. Police tend to beat them up in public parks and other meeting places. Despite the intense prejudice against gays, homosexuality is rampant in India, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

This may be because it is difficult or impossible for young men to meet girls socially. In some communities, notably the warrior-like Pathan tribe of the North-West Frontier Province, homosexuality is traditional.

Ms Bedi accused Dr K.K. Agarwal, president of the Indian Medical Association, of being "unethical" in disclosing his findings on homosexuality in Delhi central prison in a private survey. He concluded that prisoners indulged in sexual activity despite overcrowding. Without condoms, many would contract HIV, which can lead to Aids, he said.

The nation's top lawyers are divided on what should be done. Kapil Bibal, a supreme court advocate, said the state had a moral obligation to make condoms available to prisoners. K.K. Venugopal, another supreme court lawyer, declared: "It is the solemn duty of prison authorities to advise prisoners to abstain. There is a legal duty to prevent homosexuality whatever the cost."

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It is supposed to be a high point of West Indian culture, but the annual invasion means Notting Hill's residents are not dancing for joy

The fun has gone out of the carnival



RACHEL KELLY

WE HAVE been planning our escape for months. The B&B is booked, the car serviced, the maps studied, provisions bought. Leaving nothing to chance, we plan to leave at dawn on Saturday. Any later, and we might be caught.

Our only concern is that we haven't been able to ask our trusted neighbours to keep an eye on the house. They too of course, are planning to leg it, like most of the rest of our street in Notting Hill Gate, West London.

By now, the prescient reader will have grasped the reason for our departure. Of course, the Notting Hill carnival is being held this Sunday and Monday — or rather just Carnival, as we must learn to describe it, as though it were the only carnival in Christendom, and all right-thinking hilly-billies are leaving town.

I have no quarrel with floats and bands and dancing in the streets. The idea of a carnival which allows the many West Indian residents of the area to express themselves is well and good. Its origins lie in Trinidad. Slaves were forbidden from wearing costumes or playing musical instruments by their masters, except during the carnival associated with Lent.

Who could not applaud the first carnival, 28 years ago, when Caribbean immigrants who suffered from racism and poor housing and working conditions, fought back with their flamboyant costumes and steel-drum music? But the carnival has horribly transmogrified since its inception. It has ballooned to a monstrous size. More than a *million and half people* are expected to descend on a few, largely residential streets in West London. Last year, there were groups taking part from Afghanistan, Kurdistan, Bangladesh, South America and the Philippines.

It is the sheer volume, not so much of floats and bands, but of spectators, which has made the carnival too big for residents' good. The event has become little more than a cacophonous intrusion.

Police must be bussed in from outside in case of violence — and at tax-payers' expense. The bobby who will almost invariably appear in Monday's newspaper looking self-conscious with a garland and a West Indian child on his shoulder is probably from Leicestershire.

The authorities lay on extra bins and lavatories; the detritus from so many people means that for two days the smell is terrible. Every sense is over-stimulated. The noise starts early, ends late and I don't like reggae music. Whistles blow, steel bands play, reggae-sound systems blare: the finest ear-plugs are rendered useless.

But most of all there is the intrusion on the liberty of those who wish to remain uninvolved, surely a defensible ideal. Streets are cordoned off. It is impossible to get any public transport to the area, let alone drive in a car. Residents' parking bays are declared void. Even on Monday evening, when it is inadvisable to arrive back too early from your weekend away, it is nearly impossible to return to your own front door. Last year, I was asked for proof of residence. Of course, scrambling in my hand-bag, I failed to find it. What was to have been an early night before work on Tuesday became an aimless evening, spending money on supper out when I would rather have had something at home.

Local shops, supposedly the beneficiaries of much extra trade, are often closed, barricading their windows for fear of smashed glass. Could not the carnival return to its roots? Then, many of the celebrations took place in dance halls. The numbers were such that Notting Hill's local resources could cope.

The elements which make a manageable carnival a wonderful spectacle and a Caribbean cultural celebration could be preserved: the costume parade; calypso and soca music are the traditional music of carnival.

But the blaring sound systems, which play everything from jazz to hip-hop could be banned. Numbers could be controlled by charging for entry, so weeding out genuine enthusiasts from hangers-on.

IF CARNIVAL must remain in its current form, then could it move elsewhere please? It needs more space than Notting Hill can provide.

Notting Hill has come a long way since its roots in the 1860s, when the area was first developed and members of the literary, arts and military establishment started to move there. After the Second World War, Asian, Chinese and West Indian immigrants followed suit. Now, it is its cultural mix of foreign and British, families and bohemians, that gives it its cultural vitality. All communities, even those who wish for a quiet Bank Holiday week-end reading the Sunday papers, should be allowed to thrive if the area is to retain its charm.

Back after a long absinthe

The recreational drugs of the Victorians are making a comeback in American salons, says **Ben Macintyre**



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Wormwood and Gaul — a turn-of-the-century French café scene from the Degas painting *L'Absinthe*. The drink was banned in France in 1915

Absinthe. The very word conjurs up an image of smoky Parisian salons, of writers and artists gathered together to sip the notorious green liquor in decadent homage to their muses. In one corner might be Baudelaire, following his own dictum to "Be drunk, always"; not far away is Verlaine, drinking and furiously scribbling by turns, and hovering near by is the ghostly figure of poor, doomed Rimbaud, his brilliant poetic career wrecked by absinthe before he was 20 years old.

Oscar Wilde would be a regular at this imaginary "heure vert", or green hour, as the absinthe-soaked café sessions came to be known in fin de siècle Paris, along with Maupassant, Toulouse-Lautrec, Van Gogh, Gide and others.

Illegal in France since 1915, the aura of absinthe persists today, representing that peculiar meeting point between degeneracy and artistic genius. Many writers and artists believed the effects of the drink were directly responsible for their inspiration.

It is largely for that reason that absinthe (alcohol infused with wormwood) and other Victorian intoxicants such as opium and laudanum are making a slow but perceptible comeback in the bohemian salons of the United States, particularly in the West Coast states, the self-styled crucible of America's avant-garde.

Newsweek magazine reported this week that "in lofts and garrets in the Pacific northwest, artistic types looking for inspiration in a glass are beginning to dust off the drugs their forefathers made famous".

> Pernod is celebrated for producing more terrifying hangovers than any man in French history

According to the drug enforcement authorities there is a growing underground market in highly addictive opium poppies *(Papaver somniferum)*. Some would-be Wildes have taken to sipping opium tea, while others prefer the tincture of opium, alcohol and saffron the Victorians called laudanum. Absinthe, home-brewed or imported from Portugal, where it is still legally manufactured, has once again become a favoured tipple among those who believe its mind-bending effects will somehow help them to knock off an Impressionist painting or a *Kubla Khan* for the 1990s.

Absinthe is made by mixing alcohol with wormwood and other extracts from plants such as fennel, lemon balm or anise. When mixed with water and sugar it turns an opalescent greenish-yellow colour and has a distinctive, bitter aniseed taste.

As the millennium approaches, America is being swept by a nostalgia for all things Victorian. In fashion, the new taste for tight corsets, full-length lace gowns and combat boots might best be described as Victo-grunge. Novels about Victorian America, such as Caleb Carr's *The Alienist* and E.L. Doctorow's *The Waterworks* are topping the bestseller lists, while Victorian bric-a-brac is considered *de rigueur* in every chic SoHo loft.

Devotees of retro-drugs, as the rediscovered Victorian intoxicants are known, argue that unlike crack cocaine or heroin, users are independent of the vast and deadly illegal drug industry. The substances are produced and sold among small groups, while opium or absinthe parties are quiet, cerebral affairs at which the participants are far more likely to produce a poem than an Uzi.

Such intoxicants have long had their defenders. Wormwood was praised by Pliny as a treatment for gastrointestinal worms and early medical accounts considered it a "comfort for the heart and braine". In 1797 one Henri Dubied, a French army captain, invented absinthe in an attempt to cure his indigestion and reported that, while his digestion got worse, his sexual potency increased considerably. His son-in-law, Henri Louis Pernod, cannily bought the recipe and is rightly celebrated for producing more terrifying hangovers than any man in French history.

The English poet Ernest Dowson also remarked on its aphrodisiacal effects: "Absinthe," he noticed, "makes the tart grow fonder." It also repelled mosquitos when it was daubed behind the ears.

Early American doctors considered opium "God's Own Medicine", while writers from Thomas de Quincey to Samuel Taylor Coleridge have found inspiration and solace in the poppy. "Thou hast the keys of Paradise, oh, just, subtle, and mighty opium," de Quincey wrote. Wilkie Collins habitually carried a silver hip-flask full of laudanum which he took partly for his arthritis, but also, perhaps, for the hallucinatory effects it had on his writing.

Yet whatever their romantic and literary connotations, as doctors and addicts eventually discovered, such drugs are exceptionally dangerous and sometimes lethal. And while they may be traditional they are also illegal.

Under the law of the United States anyone found in possession of absinthe, opium or laudanum is committing a felony.

As early as 1708 the alchemist Johan Lindestolophe concluded from experience that *Artemisia absinthium* caused "great injury of the nervous system". French soldiers in North Africa popularised absinthe in the mid-19th century as a cure for fever and a pleasant way to forget the extremes of the Algerian climate.

By the time Manet and Degas were recording the effects of absinthe on canvas, the drink was already responsible for its own disease, "absinthism", with symptoms that included hallucinations, convulsions, still-births, psychosis, criminality and irreversible brain damage. By 1913 French men and women were consuming a staggering 10 million gallons of absinthe every year.

Two years later it was banned, but not before Van Gogh had committed suicide, probably abetted by the hallucinatory effects of "The Green Fairy", and thousands of others had succumbed to its debilitating effects. The recipe survives, without wormwood, as the aperitifs Pernod and Ricard.

While less toxic than absinthe, the grim, often fatal effects of opium addiction are best represented by the latter-day horrors of heroin, its derivative. Opium tea sounds civilised, but it is still the cuppa that kills.

So as America's literary and artistic New Victorians gaze through the cloudy bottom of an absinthe glass in search of inspiration, or sip their opium tea as they switch on a portable computer and prepare to tap out a masterpiece, they might read (if they still can) the dark words of the great critic Leslie Stephen: "To tell the story of Coleridge without opium is to tell the story of Hamlet without the Ghost."

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE: DAY 4

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THIS is the third of three weeks in which *The Times* is offering readers a chance to win one of three Club Med holidays to France, Greece and America. And £100 worth of traveller's cheques can be won every day by entering and solving our crossword challenges.

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THE FOURTH DAY'S CLUES, WEEK 3

ACROSS

14 *Unsophistication — one finds it even a confusing state (7)*
18 *In Quebec, I petition a Catholic priest (6)*
23 *Bashful Miss Brontë heard from Wyoming capital (8)*
27 *Write name of Quaker colonial founder (4)*

DOWN

9 *Being immature, it's not applicable to put on perfume (7)*
19 *Gen Pershing led troops — with short-cropped hair, evidently (8)*
24 *Always, the First Lady goes by railway (4)*

When they took Bond's licence away

One democracy still happily backs state-sanctioned murder under the euphemism "operations humides"



James Bond — a long wait for M's next call

With the possible exception of Jean Citoyen over there in France, no one is more vicariously bloodthirsty than John Citizen. The immediate reaction of both these gentlemen, armchaired before their television screens and indignant about some devastating outrage, is to cry: "Why don't they kill the terrorist?"

It does not matter whether bombs have been planted by Irish, Arab or Iranian practitioners of what they call "armed public relations" — the man in the chair desires blood. On a hit list drawn up by such people the names of Carlos, Abu Nidal, Colonel Gaddafi and a few ayatollahs would undoubtedly figure, together with other assorted villains.

It now turns out that for years the DGSE, the State Security Directorate-General of France, shared the same enthusiasms. In their memoirs and in television appearances, former agents of the service — which used to be known as the SDECE — have rushed forward to reveal details of a number of plans to assassinate prominent international terrorists. Pierre Marion, former boss of the service, has claimed that Carlos, who is now in a French jail, would have been killed had he not been under the protection of the Syrian secret service in Damascus. Abu Nidal, the Palestinian terrorist, was saved only by taking refuge in the then Communist Czechoslovakia. The Count de Marenches, who headed the service earlier, had been quite keen on launching a plan to assassinate Colonel Gaddafi which was called off at the last moment.

Paul Barril, once a senior officer in the Elysee's special anti-terrorist unit, has gone further — suggesting that another target in the 1950s was Jaques Verges, the eccentric Maoist lawyer now acting for Carlos.

These are tantalising visions of life in the occult world of espionage and special services. It is known that during the Algerian war of independence in the 1960s the French secret service established an ultra-secret unit known as the Main Rouge specifically instructed to kill nationalist leaders.

For later operations of a similar kind which might have carried grave international consequences, the highest authorisation was deemed necessary. The procedure, according to the newspaper *Le Monde*, was for a list of targets' names written on unheaded paper to be presented to the President, who would then mark with a cross any of which he approved. There was no other paperwork and no word was spoken either by him or by his head of security.

One linguistic curiosity is that the French spoke of such official killings as "operations humides". That euphemism is a literal translation of the Russian phrase "mokrie dela", rendered into English as a "wet job" — that is to say one in which blood is spilled. As with many other words of espionage, the KGB are the trendsetters. All Western services have borrowed such titles as "active measures" — meaning disinformation — from the former Soviets.

The question is whether secret services in the West have also adopted the ruthless methods of the KGB. Certainly there is enough evidence to show that a country as democratic as France has allowed its services a fairly full range of action. For example, they did not hesitate to put a bomb aboard the Greenpeace ship *Rainbow Warrior* and a photographer lost his life.

In the United States the formerly gung-ho operators of the CIA had their activities severely curtailed after the scandals uncovered after Watergate. Thirty years ago the CIA indulged in a positive orgy of plotting to assassinate, for example, Fidel Castro, who always appeared high on its list.

Many of the plans which were later revealed in the memoirs of agents in retirement or in disgrace seemed totally ridiculous. They involved, for example, the use of explosive cigars, deadly poisons and other items of equipment more familiar in the world of turn-of-the-century spy thrillers than in real life.

There remains, of course, the fictional James Bond, still flourishing his licence to kill. It seems like an age since his real-life colleagues in MI6 were last permitted even to mention the idea of a wet job, far less to try their hands at one. Like the transatlantic "cousins", all their licences to kill have been suspended, indefinitely.

Those citizens in the armchairs who so enthusiastically demand that world hate-figures should be shot would be the first to demand the punishment of any special service which carried out their expressed wishes. And could you imagine John Major ordering a wet job on the nod?

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Sparks and Lady Marks

A free-thinking fireball tells **Joanna Pitman** how she left her Japanese homeland to join the aristocratic social whirl

St Michael may be the patron saint of underwear, the creator of all those hardy and functional smalls with cotton gussets so beloved of the British, but to the Japanese he is right up there in the pantheon of international fashion dignitaries, rubbing shoulders with Yves St Laurent and Coco Chanel. How appropriate, then, that Lord Marks of Broughton, grandson of Michael Marks, who founded Marks & Spencer in 1870, should have married a Japanese woman.

St Michael's true sanctification in Japan is a curiously recent phenomenon as Western-style underwear made its début there only after the notorious 1937 fire at a Tokyo department store. Several saleswoman in kimonos fled to the roof and as the fire raged out of control, the only escape was by leaping into safety nets held by firemen far below. The trapped girls refused to jump because they knew that their kimonos would fly open and expose their nakedness to the public gaze. All of them chose death before dishonour. St Michael arrived to preserve lives with honour.

> 'The girls refused to jump because the kimonos would fly open. All chose death before dishonour'

Had Lady Marks been trapped there, she would undoubtedly have chosen to jump. Fearsomely independent and utterly unencumbered by Japanese social conventions, she has always revelled in her chosen role as renegade: testing barriers, flying in the face of tradition and relessly coaxing the utmost out of her situation.

Life as a social misfit, perching on the fringes of high society, is a role she carved for herself early in life. She had already been branded an outsider when, aged 34, she made her first trip out of Japan to take up a research post in international relations at the London School of Economics in 1971. "My parents first rejected me when I refused to go to a women's college to study home economics. I got a place in politics at Waseda University and paid for myself by teaching in the evenings. I was one of three women in a university of 500."

Having previously sullied family honour by marrying a fellow student outside the boundaries of the arranged marriage stakes, she watched in horror as her husband was slowly winched into the confines of her own family circle and given a job in the same broking firm as her father. "Suddenly he had become an insider. That was not what I wanted at all, so I divorced him and left for England."

Three years later, in 1975, she met Baron Marks of Broughton at a London party. "He invited me back to supper and to look at his Japanese Ukiyo-e prints. He had a fine collection and as we dined — a boiled egg and toast because his staff had the day off — I wondered who on earth this Michael Marks could be." That was the beginning of an association with England that has lasted 23 years.

Like her second husband, who, she says, "rejected his Jewish origins but also failed to gain acceptance in Anglo-Saxon high society", Lady Marks soon found that she was caught in limbo.

At one end she was cast out by Japan as a traitor and at the other, she was in the British Establishment but, crucially, not of it. "When I took British nationality on getting married I found that on visits to Tokyo, immigration officials treated me as an ex-Japanese, almost a criminal. I was worse than a foreigner because I had betrayed my country . . . yet here in England, particularly outside London, people still sometimes ask me if I am 'Hong Kongish' or whether I'm a nanny."

For a time the two misfits slotted neatly together in a marriage that lasted nine years, long enough for Lady Marks to gain an insight into the peculiar workings of the aristocracy. "It was very difficult for me because his ex-wives and girlfriends all watched me at Ascot and the musical galas and charity events, to see if I made any mistakes."

But there is no stopping a woman who wants to become an aristocrat, and Lady Marks threw herself into her role with considerable vigour. Although she did not particularly care for caviar and champagne, or luxury turkey devilled for the millionaire palate, her unremitting study of English aristocrats at play has helped to make her almost authentic.

When their ill-starred union broke up in 1985, Lady Marks retired with her genteel English manners to Maida Vale, London. She said: "He has married again. There are a lot of Lady Markses now."

She lives in a large house of the sort that would grace the shiny and optimistic pages of a glossy interiors magazine. Her tall French windows seem to let in a better class of sunlight than that available in the street outside, and the soignée Lady Marks perches delicately in a room of such elegance that one scarcely dares move for fear of scrunching the cushions or fogging up the mirror. Every now and then as she speaks she glances down to inspect fingers that look so fine that they could in a trice fashion an origami preying mantis from a sheet of Harrods' wrapping paper.



MARTIN BEDDALL

Lady Marks left her Japanese husband and home behind to become an English academic and aristocrat's wife

Lady Marks has not lost all her Japaneseness. After the divorce she quickly cashed in on her aristocratic connections by writing books for the Japanese market. Her first, *How I Became a Member of the British Aristocracy*, sold very well and was followed with *A Year of Events in the British Social Calendar*, and two others designed to inform and stimulate more independent attitudes among her Japanese readers.

She says: "The books compare the two societies, highlighting the good and bad points of each. The Japanese are still so insular, so ill-informed about other countries and cultures. Too many are content to be pushed around and told what to do all the time. They don't seem confident enought to think for themselves. We really need more individualism in Japan."

Bursting with individualism herself, Lady Marks is certain she would never now be able to fit back into Japanese society. "It would be far too constraining after the freedom I have enjoyed here." Reigning happily in her own special queendom, Lady Marks divides her time between London society, her lectures in Japanese language and culture at Essex University, and her Hampshire house.

Now, finally, after 20 years of prodding, she relates proudly, Marks & Spencer has brought out a range of elegant undergarments sufficiently dainty for this tiny dynamo of a woman. Like many titled British ladies, she vows she will never abandon the brand.

Warning: women on the loose

Can a newly single female keep her married male friends?

The Princess of Wales had a friend. He happened to be a man: some people do, it can't be helped.

She rang him sometimes and — here we move on to the cautiously half-distanced part of her conversation with the nice man from the *Daily Mail* — "it is possible she would have replaced the receiver if his wife answered".

Shock, horror. *Fatal Attraction*? Not really. Reverse the sexes to clarify the event: I put down the phone once when someone's husband answered. This did not imply that I had a passionate lesbian crush on his wife; it was just that he was a hearty chap who feared I was secretly turning his wife into a feminist, and always made haw-haw jokes about the Sisterhood. I had rung her because I was in a certain distress, and couldn't face running the gauntlet of any intermediary. Let alone him. So I put the telephone down. I suspect most people have committed similar nuisances. There are voices which bring on a reflex phone-slamming action.



LIBBY PURVES

But the sexes being the way round that they were, I also suspect that twinges of empathy are stirring in *all* divorced and separated women who try to maintain friendships with couples instead of retreating into the laager of female friends.

At which point we leave Diana: she is just the trigger to far more fruitful musings. Indeed, the most useful role of the royal family at the moment is to provide a colourful, varied matrix of the confusions of family life. The Windsors are a walking GCSE syllabus in family dynamics: they have done age-gaps and long-distance marriage, infant discipline, infidelity, paternal influence, separation, divorce, access, the role of a mother-in-law, and second courtships. Now they present a very modern social question: what is the etiquette for a newly single woman's relationship with a couple? Especially if the man is her real friend?

It should be obvious, barely worth discussing in the context of rational and trustful marriages. Friends must be given space in which to talk alone. A lot of newly separated women, in this age of co-education and easy working friendships, are naïve enough to think so: until the moment when they blithely ring up or chat publicly to married men, and find themselves suddenly a focus of awkwardness. Upon which they realise that even the shadowiest of husbands had an unsuspected function: as long as they lived with him he was clearly acting as some sort of talisman, a sexual safety-catch guaranteeing his wife's good faith in the eyes of other wives.

For many otherwise sensible married women nourish a deep, territorial suspicion of divorcees and young widows. Some wives throw up protective barriers, never inviting them unless their husband is out. If she is an old friend of the man who likes to ring him for chats or brotherly advice, either she is reduced to pretending a great chumminess with the wife, or else to seeing the latter's lips purse into a classic witch-burning expression.

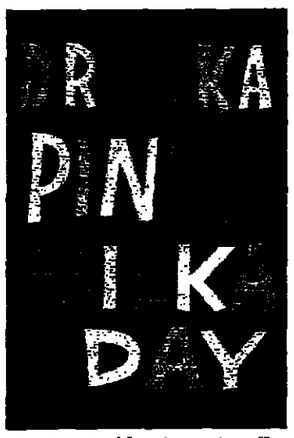
Curiously, the same does not apply to widowed or divorced men, who can be best buddies with married women for ages before the husbands even notice. Perhaps it is male arrogance, perhaps an understanding of the maternal fussiness we old hens feel for lone men: but it is demonstrably far, far easier for a man alone to haunt a home than for a nubile, divorced woman.

Some of us, of course, are arrogant or tolerant or naïve, and feel no need to stand by our man with a bucket of cold water and a strait-jacket. But the fact that many wives do so creates, eventually, an awkwardness in the outsider herself. However innocent, she stands back, she avoids tête-à-têtes with long-standing male friends, she hauls along decoy men nobody cares about: anything to make herself seem safer.

Sometimes, she might put down the telephone rather than brightly pretend she rang to ask about the children. Poor woman. If it ever happens to me I shall pretend to be gay.

Giles Coren on the golden age of copywriting when great writers penned ads between novels — maybe

Going to work on a slogan







Did Fay Weldon (centre) really write the egg slogan — and who came up with that famous milk line?

The name Bertrand T. Whitehead is by no means a household one. Nor does the publication of his first book, *Brags and Boasts: Propaganda in the Year of the Armada*, necessarily guarantee that his name will soon be gracing the lips of the world's literati. But in 1958, and for some years afterwards, four of his words guaranteed him an unassailable place in our culture's history. He it was who coined the immortal phrase: "Drinka pinta milka day".

Mr Whitehead is not alone in moving from the pithy advertising slogan to the more ruminative medium of the full-size book. Salman Rushdie, Fay Weldon and Dorothy L. Sayers were all responsible for gobbits of sales-talk that have passed into the national consciousness. Or so it has always been assumed.

When Rushdie declared on *Desert Island Discs*, in 1988, that he had coined the "Naughty but Nice" line for cream cakes, he was bombarded with cries of "fibber" from an outraged contemporary of his at the agency *Ogilvy & Mather*. The controversy that blew up was a spooky foreshadowing of things to come in Mr Rushdie's life.

At Mather & Crowther in 1957, a slogan was produced for the Egg Marketing Board that was to take its place among the immortals. "Go To Work on an Egg" has always been attributed to Fay Weldon, but only on the evidence that she was the firm's head of copy at the time. Forty years on the true identity of the writer is uncertain, but it is equally likely to have been the work of another copywriter, Mary Gowing.

"Advertising gossip is full of these apocryphal stories," says a former advertising agency chairman, who insisted on anonymity before entering the fray. "It is easy for literary figures, with hindsight, to claim authorship of the great slogans. In truth, they are usually arrived at as a group effort. Most infuriatingly, clients have a tendency to claim credit for work done by the agencies they have employed. I know that the actress Greer Garson worked in advertising for a while, but she probably just sat about being fragrant."

Rushdie's authorship of the immortal word "delectabubble", to celebrate Aero chocolate bars, may one day be contested, but the History of Advertising Trust can at least provide documentary evidence that Dorothy L. Sayers was responsible for the Guinness toucan. "If he *can say as you can/Guinness* is good for you/How grand to be a toucan/Just think what toucan do" was unquestionably the work of the great detective writer.

It seemed important, given the likelihood of controversy, to challenge Mr Whitehead directly on the matter of the milk. "Not only did I write it," he insisted, "but I was the client, which made it all the more embarrassing for the agency. The slogan they came up with was 'Drink at least one pint of milk each day' and I just squashed it into four words. The copywriters were livid."

In his subsequent writing Mr Whitehead has stayed close to the genre of his early triumph. "Propaganda is, basically, advertising," he says, "and the question of authorship is often equally mysterious. It was put about in England, for example, that the Spanish were calling their Armada 'invincible'. It was supposed to fire English hearts, but in fact it was a bogus slogan made up by Lord Burghley — and it just stuck. I only discovered the true author 400 years later."

Mysteries apart, Winston Fletcher, chairman of the Advertising Association, cites several authors who began as copywriters. "Len Deighton, Fay Maschler, John Bowen, Gavin Ewart, Peter Porter were all part of a trend that is on the way out. In those days people came to copywriting with English degrees, and were all novelists or poets *manqués*. Now they come from polytechnic advertising courses, and have a great respect for the medium itself. With television the dominant advertising arena, there is less stature for writers, and if they want to move into another genre it is usually film. The culture from which they come does not venerate literature."

On December 22, 1806, however, English literature was still in its golden age. And in that day's *Bell's Weekly Messenger* came the first ever advertisement by someone destined for literary greatness. Designed by the new advertising firm of R.F. White, it ran: "It is submitted whether any present is capable of being attended with so much good to a dutiful son, an amiable daughter, an industrious apprentice, or a faithful servant, as that of a SHARE of a LOTTERY TICKET, in a scheme in which the smallest share may gain near two thousand pounds." It was written by Charles Lamb. Probably.

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Alan Coren



He would not leave a number, but I know who placed the call

What have I done to deserve this? I feel I am being destroyed. The last thing I should normally dream of doing is pour out my innermost secrets to a national newspaper, but what else am I to do? Close my eyes and ears to it all? This business has distressed me more than words can say. I think you should know that I am typing this in a baseball cap.

One evening a few weeks ago, I was telephoned by a man describing himself as Trevor. He said he was returning my call. I said that I had made no call. Trevor said that that was funny, he had come back to his desk after a highly successful marketing tour to find my number on his notepad with a message saying that I was interested in double-glazing. Was this not so? I replied that I was not very interested in it, certainly not when compared with, say, the Bermuda Triangle or the early work of The Three Stooges, to which he replied that, by a strange coincidence, he was going to be in my area the following week and would be more than happy not only to offer me a free estimate, but also to demonstrate a revolutionary new patio door system.

I insisted he tell me how he received my number. He replied that I would stop worrying about that the moment I saw how his double-glazed patio doors slid open silently at the touch of a finger. They could also be modified to accommodate a cat-flap.

I rang off. My wife said who was that, and I said nobody. Since our cat died in 1988, our marriage has not been the same, and I did not wish to start her off with talk of a new cat-flap, bringing everything back.

Two days later, I received another telephone call, this time from a man claiming to be a financial adviser whose attention had been drawn to my concern about my inadequate insurance-linked pension. Shocked, I asked him when, exactly, this had been brought to his attention. Last Wednesday, he said. I invited him to hold on while I consulted my diary: as I suspected, I had been at Waitrose on Wednesday morning but, finding no scallops, had spent much of the afternoon phoning fishmongers. To none of these had I confided any concerns about future solvency. The man then said he was sure I was the one who had left the message on his answerphone, but no matter, perhaps we could discuss things now?

I rang off. My wife said who was that, and I said nobody. Since I announced that I should henceforth be keeping a lower public profile, just the occasional *Through the Keyhole* or *Masterchef*, our marriage has not been the same; it may be she misses the money, in which case the last thing I need is a discussion about topping up my life insurance, what if you are suddenly snatched away like the cat, that sort of thing?

Three days later, I was watching a rather good afternoon film on BBC2 starring Richard Todd, heavily trenchcoated but still dapper, when the phone rang again and someone announcing himself as Martin said he understood my house was for sale. I staggered. That is not so, I cried, how did you get my number? In answer, he would say only that the market was picking up and that he had many Japanese customers on his books. I slammed the phone down, mystified and deeply distressed.

When my wife returned that evening, I of course said nothing. Since we moved to Cricklewood on my advice, in 1973, our marriage has not been the same, and learning that I had passed up the opportunity of moving out again might well have had truly catastrophic results. But if I had thought that that would be the end of the nuisance calls, I was to be proved terribly wrong. In the past week alone, I have been rung by a person who is possessed of the notion that I am interested in a timeshare on the newly-opened up Estonian Riviera and that just by meeting him, with no obligation, I could benefit to the tune of a fine silver-plated condiment set and the virtually certain chance of winning a Renault Clio; a firm of plumbers telling me that they understand my worries, with autumn coming on, of leaves in the guttering; and a man from a Paddington hernia clinic, about which the less said the better.

It was then that I rang BT to request an intercept. A man called John told me to hold, and played me the Radetsky March, several times. After a while, I rang off. I do believe someone is trying to drive me mad.



How the IRA is winning

With a hint of peace here and a bombing there, the terrorists have the British Government just where they want it

Simon Jenkins

Nothing concentrates the mind like a bomb. As I waited with thousands of others for the Oxford Street device to be cleared on Monday, I wondered at the IRA tactics. Today an Irish-American deputation arrives in Ireland for talks with Gerry Adams. Both Belfast and Dublin are alive with speculation of an IRA ceasefire, of short or long duration. What could the IRA possibly achieve by blowing up American tourists in central London?

The answer is: plenty. But first things first. John Major's Northern Ireland policy is still as wrong as it was last December. The policy is wrong because it is obsessed with violence, dominated by violence and at the mercy of violence. Last December's Downing Street declaration followed dud British intelligence which suggested that the IRA was warweary. The declaration offered the IRA/Sinn Fein a place in a "dialogue with the political parties". This was meant to entice it into a ceasefire. Indeed it implied that a dialogue depended on a ceasefire. There was no deadline and no timetable, though Mr Major did talk of "weeks not months". The naïvety was so breathtaking that officials assured inquirers that some amazing development was "in the offing".

There has been no development. The naïvety remains breathtaking. The IRA was given a *de facto* veto over any political innovation in the province. Mr Adams and his friends could hardly believe their luck. They were accorded star status in Dublin and New York. The Irish news blackout on Mr Adams was lifted. It is believed that some IRA prisoners were shipped back to Ulster. The violence was unabated. The discovery of a huge bomb last month on the Heysham ferry narrowly averted what was planned as another Bishopsgate spectacular, probably timed for the 25th anniversary of troops in Ulster.

I cannot recall a period when Northern Ireland policy has looked more barren. The IRA is playing with Mr Major and his Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, like a cat toying with two wounded mice. Sir Patrick said after some outrage last May that the IRA would be "making a great mistake to think that the Government is just twiddling its thumbs". The Cabinet, he said, would "not be moved by violence". He did not say what *would* move it. Sir Patrick may not be twiddling his thumbs, but only because he is sitting on his hands.

Waiting for the IRA to renounce violence has become the great excuse for inertia. Like rolling devolution and round-table talks, it is a not a policy, more a frame of mind — and a deeply defeatist one. The IRA is institutionally incapable of renouncing violence. If one wing did, another would break away. Mr Adams may be tired of defending atrocities. He may prefer the company of American Congressmen to the bandits of Tyrone and South Armagh. But Mr Adams, like Martin McGuinness, is just one among many. As last month's Sinn Fein special delegate conference at Letterkenny showed, neither can deliver peace. Mr Adams could announce a ceasefire tomorrow, but it would mean nothing.

What is clear from Mr Adams' behaviour over the past six months is that he is not his own man. He took seven months to make a statement on the declaration, and then produced a fudge. He has more than once hinted at a ceasefire and failed to deliver. Mr Adams is now playing the American card. Whether this cuts ice with the hard men on the army council must be doubtful. Besides, Irish-Americans are helpless suckers when given the full Republican blarney.

Always ask what you would do if you were the enemy. I would do precisely what the IRA is doing. I would keep bombing, from Bognor to Belfast. I would stall on all talks, occasionally leaking a hint of a temporary ceasefire to throw army and politicians off their stride. I would wipe out the more wayward gangsters, like Martin Cahill, killed this month in Dublin. I would use splinter groups such as the Irish National Liberation Army to stir up sectarian strife. I would bank the drugs and protection money that is pouring my way. I would tell Comrade Adams just to watch his step. And I would wait. I would wait a long time.

The IRA is having one of its best years of the past 25. The December declaration was a Republican triumph. It committed the British Government to "encourage, facilitate and enable" the Protestants to agree to an all-Ireland constitution. It demoralised the Unionists just as utterly as Margaret Thatcher's similar but milder declaration of 1985. Neither declaration required any concession from the IRA, just a decade of bombing, killing and thieving. Since then, the embarrassment of the British Government has grown with each new outrage. What better way of showing that the struggle continues than a few bombs on the mainland, especially when there is not much else in the news?

The IRA has always believed that Irish unity will be achieved by attrition, the attrition of sustained violence. The Protestants have been driven from Derry by the knock on the door at night. They are fleeing east of the River Bann. Ulster is being repartitioned by stealth. The Protestants are being demoralised, not least by an "Anglo-Irish" declaration every few years. All that matters is that the British make no move towards devolution, "pending a cessation of violence". Violence must always hold the initiative.

Talk about this to any government spokesman, and he parrots the old line. The terrorists are on the run. There is a new revulsion against violence in Northern Ireland. The IRA is exhausted. Investment and confidence are returning. Light can be seen at the end of the tunnel. The best argument for never changing Northern Ireland ministers is to stem this rubbish: each new arrival thinks he is saying something fresh. The old Ulster hand slumps to the floor with a groan.

I have long believed that too many people in Northern Ireland have a vested interest in the conflict: terrorists, politicians, officials, soldiers, gangsters, contractors, policemen, businessmen. The British and now the European taxpayer pours money into the place, and many are the hands to which it sticks. That perceptive Irish historian Roy Foster marked the 25th anniversary of direct rule in *The Times* this month by pleading, "Let the Brits stay". As the Falkland Islanders would agree, a lifetime of British subsidy is worth the occasional brush with the gods of war.

What I now realise is that British ministers also have an interest in Mr Adams's indecision. If the first error was to grant the IRA a veto over political change, the second was to promise that if it should consent to a ceasefire, it would be admitted to a "dialogue". Such a dialogue would be a disaster. There have already been as many dialogues as there have been Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland. They are virtually meaningless, even without the presence of the IRA/Sinn Fein. With their presence, any exchange is inconceivable. Ian Paisley and the Protestant Loyalists would either not turn up or else turn up, rant and walk out.

Nobody conversant with Irish politics has any hope for such a dialogue. Would it discuss power-sharing? That cannot be serious. Would it lead to yet more elections to Stormont? We have been down that road three times, and it leads nowhere. Will Mr Adams be found chatting amiably over a cucumber sandwich with Mr Paisley, like Africans at a Lancaster House conference? What world does the British Government inhabit? All this has been dialogued to death over the past quarter-century. There is nothing new under the Ulster sun. Waiting for the IRA to renounce violence is waiting for Godot, but even if Godot showed up, what would Sir Patrick do with him?

There is no case for further round-table talks in Northern Ireland. The Stormont table is stained with the spit of a hundred ranting Ulstermen. Every option is known. All that is now needed is a strong lead. The British Cabinet faces the old choices. The first is unilaterally to declare a new constitution for the province, based on devolved county government giving the Catholics a third of the territory and a third of the money. Direct rule would end except for security. The second is to soldier on as now. That means praying for no IRA ceasefire and for nothing else that might disturb the cosy predictability of the existing regime.

Twenty-five years of inertia say that Mr Major will choose the second.

The last post for the Tory Left

Don't innovate — consolidate, says **Julian Critchley**

Sensible Tories must not alow Tony Blair to push the party and Government to the right. Elections are fought and won on the centre ground, but the Labour Party has not become a second SDP just because Bair looks and sounds like David Owen's kid brother. John Prescott will not permit him to pull the wool over the electorate's eyes; Prescott might well have served up a few gin-and-tonics in his time, but at heart he is a fourale bar man.

John Major, who once claimed that Iain Macleod was his hero, has allowed events to push him to the right. He should abandon any moves towards "permanent revolution", and by so doing curb the ambitions of both Michael Heseltine and Michael Portillo. The privatisation of the Post Office will cause more bother than it is worth; Tory postbags are full of letters from pensioners fearful that local post offices will close and that the flat-rate postage charge will go.

Michael Portillo, the "Spanish Fly", ought to stop making a fool of himself with speeches accusing foreigners of cheating and skulduggery or charge his name.

John Major's position seems stronger today than it has been for more than a year. Nevertheless, he is not yet secure in his tenancy of 10 Downing Street. Heseltine recently told the "No Turning Back" group over chicken and chips that the Government would win the next election with a majority of 60, and his search for "an opening to the righ" suggests that his ambitions have not been quenched. He has made a splendid recovery from his heart attack, and the famous "Oxford" envelope on which he charted his course in Long John's restaurant, 50 years ago, has been rediscovered.

Kenneth Clarke needs to reduce taxes to regain lost ground, while Portillo should stop kicking the crutches away from beneath the disabled. In short, John Major's Government needs a period of consolication and tranquillity, and, in consequence, a good deal less excitement. The Prime Minister's conference speech at Bournemouth this October should set the tone.

There is one sphere in which the Government could usefully pursue more radical policies: that is road pricing, a revolutionary system for Britain, charging motorway drivers according to the length of their journey. The electronic technology that would permit the authorities to tag cars so as to measure the length of a journey should be ready by 1998.

There should be greater private investment in duplicate motorway toll roads, and caravans, behind which half the nation has been stuck in recent weeks, should pay a road tax of at least £50 a year. At the moment, snails with houses on their backs pay nothing extra towards the frustration and congestion they cause (as well as taling bread from the mouths of boarding-house keepers). We shall also need to cut emissions in line with our international agreements.

There will be no "stalking-horse" candidate for party leader this November. John Carlisle could barely muster four of the four-and-thirty votes needed to support his nomination. But two fault-lines run through the Government and party. The principal one is Europe, and this autumn the House will be asked to approve a net contribution to the European Union that will rise from £1.7 billion to £3.5 billion. No doubt we will be hearing more on this subject from Sir Teddy Taylor, Sir George Gardiner and Bill Cash. They should not be permitted to make the running in any such debate.

The second fault-line concerns the extent to which Government should continue to intervene in British industry. Promotion has recently stilled Portillo's pen, but the battle between the old Thatcherites and the interventionists is far from resolved. The content of the Queen's Speech in November will give an indication of just how radical the Government is likely to be.

The Speech will include a Bill to raise the pension age for women from 60 to 65, a topic to which the Secretary of State, Peter Lilley, will devote his conference speech. As his audience will consist overwhelmingly of women in their sixties, the debate should be fun.

The Queen's Speech will not contain any measures designed to protect privacy and to control the bad habits of the popular press, such as publication of material stolen from telephone conversations or photographs taken on private property with telephoto lenses. More's the pity; curbing of such malpractices could at a stroke restore John Major's reputation for decisiveness and courage. This would be a very popular measure indeed.

In the mid 1980s, just before the general election, one of the wisest of Tories, John Biffen, called for a period of consolidation, for which he received scant thanks. He was right. If followed now, such advice could begin the restoration of the fortunes of a much-battered administration. Change might be our ally, but we can all too easily have too much of a good thing.

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Family fun

THE TIMES DIARY

TAKING a break from his occasional role as a voice-over artist for Hawaiian Tropic suntan oil is one Eric Douglas, better known as the son of dimple-chinned Hollywood legend Kirk. Douglas, whose brother Michael, of course, has starred in such Hollywood blockbusters as *Romancing the Stone*, *Fatal Attraction* and *Basic Instinct*, is appearing on the Edinburgh Fringe this week — as a stand-up comic.

Eric's public appearances have, to date, been rather less distinguished than his brother's. Last summer he was thrown out of the Comedy Club, New York, after leaping on stage as another comic told a joke about his brother's spirited romp with Sharon Stone in *Basic Instinct*. Unbuttoning his trousers, Douglas bared his bottom to the audience and cried: "Does this look familiar?"

The thirtysomething comic was unavailable to discuss his short tour of fringe venues, which kicks off tomorrow at Insinuendo's. But reports from Hollywood suggest that Edinburgh's fringe faithful should brace themselves. Dana Laine, manager of the Laugh Factory, is still recovering from a Douglas routine last month, which ended with the comic rather forcibly expressing his disappointment that members of the audience had walked out. "I've never seen anyone — especially an aspiring comedian — behave that way," says Laine.

A festival spokeswoman is both wary and weary. "It's a last minute booking, so we're not sure what's coming. But nothing shocks us any more. He is just dipping his toes into the largest arts festival in the world."

● *Churchill's statue in Parliament Square has already suffered the indignity of being boxed up by Jubilee Line contractors. Now a brace of exotic Indian bean trees, planted 20 years ago by Ted Short when he was deputy leader of the Labour Party, have been felled in Old Palace Yard to make way for a ventilation shaft for the new line. Contractors are searching anxiously for a Liberal Democrat totem to sacrifice — for the sake of even-handedness.*

Piping hot

THE Shotts and Dykehead band may have wheezed their way to victory in the World Pipe Band Championship in Glasgow last week, but hot on their chanters, I hear, is rock star Phil Collins.

Collins, who is currently on a world tour, has apparently become quite accomplished on a set of bagpipes crafted for him by Robert Shepherd of Fyfe, supplier of pipes to the world champions.

"He's made good progress," confides Jimmy Banks, a Scot in exile who works in the City of London and tutors Collins at the star's Sussex mansion.

"He likes to play lots of instruments. I'm not sure if he would ever make the Shotts and Dykehead band, but he is able to make quite a good job of it. Robert Shepherd is one of the best bagpipe makers around."

Please ring

SOMEONE ELSE having a spot of trouble with telephones is Ian Henderson, a car dealer from Inverness, who would love to hear from the Millwall football fan who offered him £13,000 for his numberplate: M111 WAL. To date, Henderson's increasingly anxious efforts to establish contact with the individual who presumably responded to his advertisement in the match programme for the game against Southend have met only with the "number unobtainable" tone.

"The guy who gave me the top bid also seems to have given me a wrong number," says Henderson, who is now giving serious consideration to the underbid of £10,250. "I'd love him to contact me again, but I think it might be a wind up. It seems I might have to sell it for a bit less."



Draw back

WHEN Lord and Lady St Oswald held the first aristocratic car-boot sale at Nostell Priory last year, among the items definitely not for sale were designs for their Yorkshire mansion drawn by Robert Adam, James Paine and the cabinetmaker Thomas Chippendale. Now, however, the trove of 18th-century architectural drawings is needed to clear the family's death duties.

Lord St Oswald has been struggling for a decade to pay capital transfer tax following the death of his brother, the 4th Baron St Oswald, a task which even included the sale of a remarkable collection of Chippendale furniture. Now, the drawings — worth a tidy six-figure sum — are to be accepted in lieu of death duties.

The good news is that they will be staying at Nostell Priory, which is owned by the National Trust. "I'm delighted that they will be put on show so that everyone will be able to see them," says a happy St Oswald. "And it's a huge relief to clear the duties."

But the arrangement, organised by Christie's, by no means marks the end of the family's fundraising efforts. "We are planning another car-boot sale for next year — to raise some money for charity."

Good plot

IN THE British Library, I stumble across Lady Antonia Fraser plotting her most explosive work to date. While it seems the rest of literary London has escaped to Cotswold cottages and Tuscan villas, she is hard at work researching a hefty tome on Guy Fawkes.

"I'm a Catholic, but I have a Protestant work ethic," she says. "I keep planning things to do on a holiday but then I come across a subject like this and realise I want to get on with it." One thing, she says, is certain — the book will be published on November 5th. "I'm just not sure yet which year."

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MILKED OF ITS MARKET

The dairy industry needs more freedom, not less

The Government's plans for deregulation of the milk industry are barely worthy of the name. The quality and price of milk are carefully scrutinised by the British public, which probably values the fresh pint of milk delivered to the doorstep more than any other consumer good. There is much wrong with the existing system of milk marketing; but the legislation due to be implemented on November 1 will simply replace one monopoly with another.

Since 1933, the Milk Marketing Board has controlled purchasing and fixed prices, ensuring steady milk supplies and security for farmers. Now this relic of the command economy is to be replaced by a voluntary farmer' co-operative called Milk Marque. In principle, this is a step forward, sweeping away an antiquated price-fixing mechanism which postponed the development of a true market in dairy products. The defect of the reform is that Milk Marque is voluntary only in name. More than 60 per cent of dairy farmers have already rushed to sign up to the organisation, which expects to increase its prices by 6 per cent. It is doing so with good reason. The demand for milk exceeds the supply; and because Milk Marque faces so little competition it can raise its prices with impunity.

This unsatisfactory situation partly reflects the innate conservatism of British dairy farmers, most of whom would rather cling to the skirts of the reformed Milk Marketing Board than risk independence. Those who have set up or are planning to set up smaller local co-operatives deserve every encouragement. But the greatest distortion in this particular market is not the board or its successor, but the European Union's Common Agricultural Policy.

Under European regulations, Britain is obliged to import 15 per cent of its milk. This is because, whatever the country's dairy capacity and regardless of British consumer demand, British farmers face heavy penalties if they exceed the milk quotas imposed by Brussels. This deliberate market-rigging has had a predictable side-effect. A trade among farmers in milk quotas has sprung up, the cost of which is now estimated at around £400 million a year — nearly double the value of the proposed Milk Marque price rise. The combination of monopoly marketing and constraints on supply renders domestic prices artificially high.

What the British milk market needs is more deregulation rather than less. The American example shows that strong central control is not necessary to maintain high standards; indeed, the sheer variety of milk types available in American supermarkets suggests that liberalisation would at the very least enhance consumer choice in this country. The British public needs to be reassured that its milk will still be delivered and will be of a high quality. The first requirement will only be satisfied if dairy companies are able to shop around for their supplies and keep costs down. The second criterion could be met if the Milk Marque scheme were abandoned and replaced by an official standards inspectorate which carried out random tests on farms, dairies and delivery lorries. Few consumers would stand for milk which did not carry this seal of approval. As it is, the public can look forward only to disruption and high prices.

MEXICO'S MANDATE

Zedillo's victory is a vote for stability and reform

Mexico's voters will soon have a new President. What they really want, however, is a new Mexico. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, victorious in Sunday's path-breaking elections, has promised to pay heed to this hunger for political change. His overtures to his political opponents need to be followed through, quickly and assiduously, with concrete proposals for sharing in the business of government. Political reforms are vital to underpin the modernisation of Mexico's economy by the incumbent President, Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Señor Zedillo is the first presidential candidate from the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) to win with less than 50 per cent of the vote. Yet far from signalling relative failure, this result is his greatest source of strength. Never before have Mexico's voters been treated with such respect. No election in the country has ever been fairer; and never before has voting been scrutinised so closely, by so many observers. Unprecedentedly, in a country as jealous of its sovereignty as Mexico, many of the eagle-eyes had foreign faces. What is more, the very high turnout of voters suggests that reports of countrywide suspicion of the electoral process was exaggerated.

There were irregularities, and the campaign itself was not without flaws. Many instances of double voting were observed, and not a few polling stations ran out of ballot papers. But none of this occurred on a scale large enough to vitiate the process or invalidate the result: Joe Clark, the former Canadian Prime Minister, was one of many independent observers to affirm this. The count — the key to electoral fraud in elections past — was conducted this time in transparent circumstances. This has not prevented Cuauhtemoc Cárdenas, the candidate of the Left, from alleging fraud and questioning the validity of Señor Zedillo's triumph.

It is difficult to sympathise with Señor Cárdenas. His decision to cry foul was clear months ago, apparently on no more solid ground than his conviction that any election which he did not win would by definition be fraudulent. Having come in third in the presidential race, his reaction is as irresponsible as it is intemperate. At a time when Mexico is in a political penumbra, and its citizens yearn for stability and social cohesion, his protests could incite public disorder.

Señor Zedillo must, however, remain faithful to his campaign promises: the pursuit of liberal economic policies, and the reconstruction of Mexico's polity. As President Salinas realised belatedly — and it took an armed rebellion in Chiapas to make him see this — the two goals are inseparable. In fact, a failure to reform Mexico's political system could put in jeopardy much that it has achieved in terms of economic reform.

For all his ingenuity, Señor Salinas was not elected with the secure democratic mandate for his economic policy which his successor now enjoys. The latter, however, has been mandated to do much more. He must begin by reconstructing the PRI, and by drawing a firm line between State and party. Equally pressing is reform of the country's judicial system: its primitive state has important economic consequences, particularly in the enforcement of contracts and competition laws.

Mexico is justly proud of its recent admission to the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development, the "rich men's club". But if Mexico is to call itself a modern State, it must have an independent judiciary, empowered to call government servants, including the police, to account. Only by doing so will Señor Zedillo begin to construct a credible democracy. America and Canada, its partners in the North American Free Trade Agreement, will not be comfortable with anything less.

BRITAIN'S TOMORROW

Today's children are more virtuous than most assume

It has always been the adult's prerogative to bemoan the degeneracy of the young. Parents often think that their children have had a better life than they did, yet that they are disdainful of the privilege. And other people's children are feared as potential destabilisers of the moral order. It would be easy to conclude from recent media coverage that most teenage boys spend whatever free time they have left from burglary, truancy and joy-riding sitting in front of video nasties or sniffing glue.

Yet the picture painted by the Central Statistical Office's *Social Focus on Children*, published yesterday, is far kinder. It shows that the decadent youths who terrorise their seniors are a tiny minority of young people. The old, virtuous habits of reading, learning and sport are by no means dead.

The report should also put into perpective current anxieties about the number of children being brought up by one parent. Four-fifths of dependent children, the CSO finds, still live in a family with two parents. They are, what is more, under more careful parental control than is often assumed; and most of them — three-quarters of 11-13-year-olds — actually like school. Even more say that their parents make sure that they do their homework. Although truancy is a problem for a small minority of the young, a surprisingly high 89 per cent were never absent from school in 1992-93. Teachers' complaints that parents do not care enough about their children's education seem to be founded in fantasy: 97 per cent of the children asked said that their parents thought it important for them to do well at school. And their own aspirations seem to have risen. Only 11 per cent of 13-year-olds intended to get a job as soon as they reached the school leaving age. Almost all the rest wanted to stay in education.

Outside school, today's children are not just the couch potatoes or computer-game addicts that is often assumed. Seventy per cent of children use a library at least once a fortnight, with half using it once a week. The list of best selling toys going back to 1980 is topped by a computer game in only one year. The most-bought toys are little different from those with which their parents played: Barbie dolls, Thunderbirds, Captain Scarlet and Action Man. Sport is still very popular; even in winter, more than four out of five children play at least once a week.

So what will this generation be like as adults? Much "greener" than their parents: nearly nine in ten are interested in the environment. Possibly thriftier: around three-quarters already have money in a savings scheme. Certainly computer-literate: 99 per cent of primary-school children have hands-on experience of computers. The only danger is that they will turn out far too pleased with themselves. Only 4 per cent of 13-year-olds think that they are below average at schoolwork. Cushioned from failure by overprotective teachers who conspire in this cultural self-delusion, the British young seem not to set themselves testing standards. Viewed from the perspective of Britain's future ability to compete internationally, this may, alas, be the survey's most important lesson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Controversial A-level standards in the 'harder' subjects

From Mr John Cooney

Sir, Every year sees the improvement of standards and record-breaking in athletics, receiving media acclaim and public acceptance. It is principally attributed to substantial and increasing financial incentives for athletes, and to improved training methods.

In the educational arena, pupils are now relentlessly driven to improvement by the terrible spectre of high unemployment and fierce competition for university places; equally, teachers are driven by published league tables and performance pay. Yet when the A-level exam results show that pupils' and teachers' strenuous endeavours have this year achieved improvements from B to A grade in the traditional "hard" subjects of at best 1 in 10 in classics, 1 in 14 in biology/chemistry/physics, and on down to 1 in 100 in other sciences, such achievements are publicly denigrated by bland assumptions of falling standards. This despite the general squeeze this year on university places.

What possible encouragement can there be to youngsters who have worked extremely hard to earn their grades to see their efforts publicly disparaged, and acclaim reserved instead for those who pound the roads in training for a marathon? If athletes can find the extra resource when competing under intense pressure, why do some find it so difficult to accept that students can do the same under similar pressures?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN COONEY,
73 Ember Lane, Esher, Surrey.
August 20.

From Mr Joe Ruston

Sir, In an attempt to monitor changing standards in A-level physics, my colleagues and I have compared one of this summer's exam papers with an A-level paper from 1974. We believe that this exercise has some value because, in physics, the difficulty of the question largely defines the difficulty of the exam.

For each question from the 1974 paper, we asked ourselves whether it could be attempted by a candidate prepared for the 1994 paper. We found that only questions worth 22 per cent of the marks could have been attempted by today's candidates.

Next, for each question from the 1994 paper, we asked ourselves whether it could be attempted by candidates prepared for the 1974 exam. We found that all the questions could have been attempted by them.

Finally, for each question from the 1994 paper, we asked whether it could be attempted by candidates prepared for the 1974 O-level paper? We found that they could have attempted questions worth 40 per cent of the marks.

Yours faithfully,
JOE RUSTON
(Chairman),
MPW Group of Independent Sixth-form Colleges,
24 Elvaston Place, SW7.
August 22.

From Dr Douglas B. Kell

Sir, Following the sixth successive ritual increase in A-level percentage passes, and the accompanying ritual statement by government spokesmen that this does not mean that the examination is becoming easier, no one seems to have seen fit to ask the opinion of any university lecturers — i.e., those most qualified to judge what these students have learned during their A levels. Were they to do so, they would discover that the standards of factual knowledge have plummeted alarmingly and irreversibly over the last ten years and more.

The late C. P. Snow held that an educated person should understand the Second Law of Thermodynamics. My aims are less lofty, since no amount of political posturing will disguise the fact that most students with passes in A-level chemistry do not even know what a logarithm is.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS KELL,
Symlog House,
Cwmsymlog, Aberystwyth, Dyfed.
August 19.

From Mr Eric Jamieson

Sir, In the debate on the greater percentage of candidates passing at A level I have yet to read that the method of examining may be a partial explanation. Almost all boards now set multiple-choice questions in certain subjects — e.g., physics and economics. These are obviously simpler to mark and probably cost less than traditional examination papers requiring a piece of written prose.

The usual multiple-choice question consists of a correct answer and three or four "distractors" (incorrect answers). There is no way that, for any particular question, the examiner can distinguish between a candidate who knew the answer and one who merely guessed. In fact the advice given to candidates by their teachers is that no question should be omitted even if this means a merely random ticking of responses.

This is sound advice, because there is at least a one-in-five chance of being right. Obviously a question requiring a sentence in English is not open to the same objection as the answer is not already given on the paper.

I do not argue that we should discontinue multiple-choice questions — they have many advantages; but we must admit that random chance may help candidates to pass who would fail in a traditional paper.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC JAMIESON,
26 Latchford Road, Gayton,
Heswall, Wirral, Cheshire.
August 19.

From Mr J. Grayson

Sir, What good news! Record A-level passes! Congratulations to the successful candidates!

All too readily teachers are the first to be criticised for poor results, as they were this week. The falling interest in maths and science, resulting in a lack of students taking these subjects, was blamed on the teachers for their lack of skill and enthusiasm in teaching these subjects at primary and secondary levels.

Do I hear a cry from the same authorities in regard to A-level passes? Perhaps the same teachers' skills and enthusiasm might have something to do with the increased success rate?

Yours faithfully,
J. GRAYSON
(Parent and teacher),
8A Leamington Road,
Barton Hills, Luton, Bedfordshire.
August 18.

From Mrs Beryl Simpson

Sir, I notice that, with all these wonderful A-level results, there have not been any congratulatory comments regarding work done by the former Education Secretary!

Yours sincerely,
BERYL SIMPSON,
Forge Cottage, Rookery Lane,
Nr Upottery, Honiton, Devon.
August 19.

English victories fêted in France

From Mr Philip C. H. H. Preston

Sir, As a resident of Crécy-en-Ponthieu I was proud to read Mr Gordon Fenwick's praise for the efforts of the commune both to commemorate the battle and to preserve the battlefield (letter, August 19).

As he implies, the English can be enormously grateful that the site of one of their most exalted victories is so well commemorated by those so wretchedly vanquished. Fortunately, the mayor of Crécy appreciates the historical significance of the battlefield and wishes to do as much as the commune can afford to maintain it, including if possible establishing a small museum/exhibition within the village.

The battle is a famous landmark in English military history, and certainly for the longbow. Yet, as its site is beyond the influence of the Battlefields Commission, it seems appropriate and in the best spirit of modern friendship that some contribution should come from Britain. To this end the Battle of Crécy Museum Trust is being formed with the initial aim of raising funds within the UK for the procurement of exhibition material for display within a building to be supplied by Crécy itself.

Potent encouragement for this project has come from, amongst others, Mr Robert Hardy, the actor and leading longbow expert, Mr David Smurthwaite at the National Army Museum, the Royal Armouries, Professor Michael Prestwich of Durham University, and the British consul in Lille.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP C. H. H. PRESTON,
3 Place Gilbert Gaffet,
Crécy-en-Ponthieu,
80150 Somme, France.
August 21.

From Mr C. S. L. Davies

Sir, Crécy one of *Britain's* greatest victories, Mr Fenwick? At a time when Scotland was actively allied with France?

Yours sincerely,
CLIFFORD DAVIES,
Wadham College, Oxford.
August 18.

From Mr Keith Michel

Sir, Those of your readers who are as interested as Mr Fenwick in battlefield preservation would be well advised also to visit the site of the equally famous English victory at Agincourt in 1415.

Whilst at Crécy there is, as Mr Fenwick says, a sympathetic reconstruction of Edward III's windmill, at the village of Azincourt (*sic*) there is an even more impressive commemoration. A museum was created there several years ago by a group of volunteers to house an interesting collection of weaponry, a magnificent model of the battle and a multi-lingual video presentation. A circuit of the battlefield area can be made on foot from the museum, with the assistance of a personal audio set and a helpful and well drawn map.

Azincourt is a tiny village in Artois, less than an hour's drive from Crécy and about midway between Abbeville and St Omer. We visited both sites recently whilst returning from Normandy with my father, who took part in the D-Day landing. It was both unexpected and exciting to find two other distant but not forgotten expeditions and victories commemorated in a similarly dignified way.

Yours etc,
KEITH MICHEL,
Marlow House, Lloyds Avenue, EC3.
August 22.

Identity cards

From Mr John Paxton

Sir, It seems to me that we are bowing to police wishes too easily. Car sales figures are distorted because the police require that they can identify a car by its registration letter; we now have the move towards pseudo identity cards [letters, August 10, 13, 18]. It would be easier for the police if we were all given numbers rather than names at birth.

To argue, as some do, that the move towards an identity card brings us in line with the rest of Europe is bogus when such terrible events have occurred in this century. A willingness to conform led to Hitler and the persecution of the Jews.

The smart card could eventually contain much more than is now envisaged, including identifying Jew, Muslim, Christian (Roman Catholic or Protestant), Hindu, etc. We may not always have these nice gentlemen governing us and the Home Secretary could become the justice or security minister.

There may well be valid arguments for having a photograph on the driving document: but these very smart cards? No.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PAXTON,
Moss Cottage,
Hardway, Bruton, Somerset.

Hampden celebrated

From the Honorary Secretary of the John Hampden Society

Sir, John Hampden was born not in 1595 but in 1594 ("Civil War dissenter finds honour abroad", August 12) and thus this society is currently celebrating the 400th anniversary of his birth. This week the citizens of Hampden, Maine, are also celebrating the bicentenary of their town being renamed after the man known as "The Patriot".

Hampden was not a "republican dissenter". He rejected the idea of an absolute monarchy, but fought for the principle of a monarch ruling through ministers approved by Parliament. Had he lived it is unlikely that King Charles I would have been beheaded, but we might have seen the Glorious Revolution of 1689 take place more than 40 years earlier.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the Lord General to whom John Hampden was appointed Chief of Staff was not Oliver Cromwell but the Earl of Essex. At that time Cromwell was an obscure Captain of Horse in Essex's army, and did not rise to any position of authority until a year or more after Hampden's death.

Yours faithfully,
ROY BAILEY,
Honorary Secretary,
The John Hampden Society,
The Malt House, Great Shefford,
Newbury, Berkshire.
August 15.

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Labour policies

From Mr David Faull

Sir, Your correspondents of August 16 get near to the crucial point about Mr Blair and the Labour Party: that the party and its leaders have made no secret, over the last seven years or so, of the fact that the policies they put forward are those upon which they believe they have the best chance of being elected, not those in which they believe.

It is party, not leader, who is elected, and manifestos have no force in law. "One member one vote" does nothing to relieve the threat, as it has often been moderate union bosses who held party activists in check in the past.

That said, the party is the creation of the union movement and is still largely financed by the unions. Anyone who thinks it will be a liberal democratic party once elected must have a spectacular gullibility quotient. Labour is a socialist party which sings the anthem of its true belief at the end of every conference.

The truly frustrating thing for the Liberal Democrats is that it is not only the Labour Party which pretends to their heartfelt beliefs but the Tories too. The Conservative claim to represent the interests of the individual is as false as Labour's, unless you happen to be among the few fortunate enough to belong to one of the privileged groups who finance and dominate the party.

It is, of course, our corrupt electoral system, corrupt because it is maintained by those who benefit from it despite its being totally undemocratic and capable of actually reversing voters' intentions, which ensures the Liberal Democrats will always fall short of their proper share of power. Any party whose support is not based directly, or through class, on geographic location will always lose out to the class-based/nationalist parties.

In the days when I was an active Liberal, before the merger fiasco, there was much talk of an anti-Tory alliance but it always seemed to me that the only natural anti-anything alliance would be against socialism.

So, it seems to me now that what we desperately need is the chance to change this tired and played out administration without the disaster of socialism. We need electoral reform now, before Blair or A. N. Other takes us back to a pre-Thatcherite era.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FAULL,
Sedgemoor House, Church Lane,
Westonzoyland, Somerset.
August 16.

Schubert in Britain

From Mrs Penny Jonas

Sir, The eminent Dr Robert Simpson (letter, August 12) regrets the lack of similar events in Britain or Ireland to the Feldkirch Schubertiade in Austria.

At Blackheath Concert Halls we are in fact planning our second Schubertiade, the first four-day event having taken place in May 1992. Under the artistic direction of Graham Johnson, our second will take place from February 17 to 19, 1995.

The weekend will be an opportunity for young British artists such as Simon Keenlyside, Ian Bostridge, Patricia Rozario and Catherine Wyn-Rogers to take part in a festival of voice, piano and chamber music with the internationally acclaimed interpreter of Schubert Lieder, Peter Schreier. We would be delighted and honoured if Dr Simpson was able to join us.

Yours faithfully,
PENNY JONAS (Chairman),
Blackheath Concert Halls,
23 Lee Road, Blackheath, SE3.
August 15.

From Mrs Richard Kindersley

Sir, Like Dr Simpson I went to the Schubertiade this June and came home eager to hear again, in this country, more recitals of the music I had enjoyed there.

But another festival? More high prices? Did Dr Simpson notice that at Feldkirch, with tickets selling at £30-£40, there was scarcely a concert-goer under 50? Is this what he means by "an audience worthy of celebrated artists"?

Yours sincerely,
ANNE KINDERSLEY,
57 Chalfont Road, Oxford.

From Mrs B. S. Crabbe

Sir, Alan Kogosowski, the pianist, is the music director of a series of concerts entitled "Schubertiades at Sotheby's", which he initiated in 1986 and which have been held annually between February and June. This year, the ninth season, the programme was expanded from four to six concerts and in 1995 it is planned to hold at least eight.

Dr Simpson may care to attend next season's concerts without going all the way to Austria.

Yours sincerely,
BIRGIT CRABBE,
Concert Artists Ltd,
50 Ringmer Avenue, SW6.

From Miss Julia MacRae

Sir, I would suggest that we already have a festival devoted to song recital and chamber music. It runs all season long, featuring the greatest artists in the world (including all four of the distinguished soloists mentioned by Dr Simpson), costs much less than the Schubertiade in Feldkirch and is easier to reach. It is called the Wigmore Hall.

Yours sincerely,
JULIA MacRAE,
13 Pattison Road, NW2.
August 12.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Trips for offenders

From Mr J. Lane

Sir, If social workers were not allowed to accompany teenage delinquents on so-called remedial trips overseas, I suspect the case for such trips would soon vanish.

Yours etc,
J. LANE,
31 Neville Road,
Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands.

From Mrs J. Lewin-Harris

Sir, It is a basic principle of training any young animal that you must consistently chastise bad behaviour and reward good behaviour. When the puppy piddles on the carpet, you say "no" firmly and put it outside. You do not give it a biscuit. It seems to me that sending young people who have broken the law on foreign holidays is exactly the equivalent of giving the puppy the biscuit.

Yours faithfully,
JOANNA LEWIN-HARRIS,
Conquest Farm, Norton Fitzwarren,
Taunton, Somerset.

Bang up to date

From Mr Dominic Grant

Sir, Regarding the unusual goings on at York Minster brought to your attention by the Reverend J. D. Corbett (letter, August 22), it sounds as though the "Mixed heavy anti-aircraft battery service" would be ideal accompaniment for a performance of Haydn's *Missa in tempore belli* ("Mass in time of war").

Yours faithfully,
DOMINIC GRANT,
19 Firthview Drive, Inverness.
August 22.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE. August 23: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning from Canada and were received at the airport by Mr Roger Cato (Deputy Managing Director, Heathrow Airport).

The following were in attendance: the Lady Farnham, the *Lady Susan Hussey*, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major General Gaston Cloutier, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr Charles Anson, Surgeon Captain David Swain, Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Dionne and Sir Brian McGrath.

Birthdays today

Mr Paul Barker, writer and broadcaster, 59; Mrs Liz Bavidge, former president, National Council of Women of Great Britain, 49; Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Berthon, 72; Mr Alan Brooker, former chairman, Extel Group, 63; Miss Antonia Byatt, writer, 58; *Mr Charles Causley, poet*, 77; Mr Carlo Curley, organist, 42; Sir James Duncan, former chairman, Transport Development Group, 67; Mr Clifford Forsythe, MP, 65; Sir Michael Franklin, civil servant, 67; Mr Stephen Fry, actor, writer and comedian, 37.

Mrs Mildred Gordon, MP, 71; the Earl of Harrington, 72; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, former Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, 72; Mr Jack Lonsdale, journalist, 80; the Right Rev Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, 62; Mr Madsen Pirie, president, Adam Smith Institute, 54; Sir Graham Swanwick, former High Court judge, 88; *Mr John Sykes, MP*, 38; Mr Sam Torrance, golfer, 41; Mr John Webb, rugby player, 31; Mr H.R. Wright, chief master, King Edward's School, Birmingham, 56.

Luncheon

HM Government

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House for Mr Aleke Banda, Minister of Finance for Malawi.

Reception

HM Government

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Minister for Education and Housing at the Scottish Office, was the host at a reception given yesterday by *Her Majesty's Government* at Bute House, 6 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, for Mr Flemming Kofoed-Svendson, the Danish Minister for Housing.

University news

Glasgow

Dr Fraser Davidson, a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Dundee since 1990, has been appointed to the Chair of Law.

Dr Michael Burton, a Lecturer in Psychology at the University of Stirling, has been appointed to the Chair of Psychology.



JOHN HOULIHAN

Simon Fryer, from Harrogate, repointing a column at Rievaulx Abbey, where English Heritage has begun a £60,000 repair programme

Repair work starts at ruined Rievaulx Abbey

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

HERITAGE officers have begun a restoration programme to save one of the country's finest abbey ruins from *crumbling away*. *Stonework* at Rievaulx Abbey is blistering as a result of years of exposure to harsh winter weather.

English Heritage has begun a £60,000 programme to repair masonry at the abbey, which lost its roof at the dissolution.

Rievaulx, where services and concerts to mark special occasions are still sometimes held, is the best-preserved Cistercian abbey in England apart from Fountains. It sits near the river Seph in the beautiful and sheltered Ryedale valley near Helmsley, North Yorkshire. Cistercians generally chose sites in wild, rural areas with good water supplies for their abbeys.

Nikolaus Pevsner's architectural guide to the buildings of England says that the abbey, when complete in the mid-13th century, "must have been a glorious sight, as imposing as any castle and so much more regular and orderly and civilised". Pevsner describes the first church as built on the Bernardine plan of a straight-headed chancel and transepts with straight-headed chapels.

The earliest remaining part of this first building is the transept. In the nave, where repairs are concentrated, and elsewhere, winter ice and rain have seeped behind the stonework and are dislodging it from the walls.

John Ward, English Heritage works superintendent for Yorkshire, said: "In the winter the stonework absorbs moisture. The frost comes along and fractures the face of the stonework and the decorative masonry. In other words, it is falling off. People are in danger of being hit."

Scaffolding has already been erected, and English Heritage is using a combination of modern steel pins and medieval craftsmanship to restore the masonry. The work is being done by skilled English Heritage tradesmen and outside contractors. Mr Ward said: "When ice gets behind stonework it expands and acts like a blister, fracturing masonry and gradually pushing it away from the wall. It is important that we catch the problem in time before more of this priceless stonework deteriorates."

The 75ft high repair will be largely invisible from the ground, but pegging will ensure that masonry does not fall off.

Mr Ward said: "We knew we had a problem because we had a bit of shale. The masonry was dropping off in very small fragments. Once that happens, it becomes a danger to the public."

Archaeology

St Alban remains as elusive as ever

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A RENEWED search for the original shrine of St Alban has shown that England's first Christian martyr was almost certainly not buried below the great Hertfordshire abbey church that bears his name.

The location of Alban's initial burial, and the cult that grew up on the spot in late Roman times, is now thought to lie some way to the south, down the hill towards the Roman town of Verulamium.

Alban was reputedly a Roman soldier who sheltered a Christian priest and was converted. He was arrested for helping Amphibalus to escape, and after refusing to sacrifice to the pagan gods was condemned to death. One executioner was converted; the second, who beheaded Alban, had his eyes drop out as the blow fell.

The date of these events is uncertain, placed by some scholars as early as AD209, by others a century later. His shrine, where the sick were cured, was functioning by AD429, however, and remained in use until Saxon times. A later shrine was built to house what were believed to be St Alban's relics, in the new Norman abbey church on the hilltop in the present town; the final, late medieval version has recently been restored from the fragments into which it was smashed at the Reformation.

Professor Martin Biddle, of Hertford College, Oxford, and his wife Birthe Kjølbye-Biddle have been searching for the Saxon church, its Roman precursor, and the original burial place of St Alban. Their previous excavations examined a site some 50 metres south of the present cathedral nave, and showed that no earlier church had stood there (*The Times*, August 10, 1982).

This year, they have been digging close to the south wall of the nave, and have uncovered several impressive fragments of the conventual *buildings attached to the abbey church*. These include the northeast angle of a sunken *cellarium* discovered a decade ago and now known to cover some 4,000 sq ft, with a vaulted roof found collapsed on the floor and decorated tiles from an upper floor scattered over the remains. Part of a pillared hall for receiving guests has also been uncovered.

No sign of either Saxon or earlier buildings has appeared, however, nor have the densely clustered burials that might indicate a desire to be buried close to the martyr's tomb. The Saxon burials seem to be the northwestern edge of a cluster found when the Chapter House was excavated in 1978 (*The Times*, August 22, 1978). Only four Roman burials have shown up so far, Professor Biddle said, and they are late in date and seem to be on the northern margin of the cemetery area.

"There is no evidence that either a Roman or a Saxon church stood here, nor is one likely to have been located under the present nave of the abbey", he said. "When Paul of Caen, the first post-Conquest abbot, rebuilt the church between 1077 and 1088, he seems to have done so on a green-field site".

Professor Biddle now believes that the original site of St Alban's burial, and the earlier churches, lies south of the area excavated in the 1980s, on the sloping hillside where part of the medieval abbey buildings later stood. The whole area is under grass, so that a further search would be feasible; for the moment, however, Alban remains as elusive as ever.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Robert Herrick, poet, London, 1591; George Stubbs, painter, Liverpool, 1724; William Wilberforce, leader of the anti-slavery movement, Hull, 1759; James Weddell, Antarctic explorer, Ostend, 1787; Sir Max Beerbohm, caricaturist and writer, London, 1872; Jorge Luis Borges, poet, Buenos Aires, 1899; *Graham Sutherland, painter*, London, 1903.

DEATHS: Il Parmigianinio, (Francesco Mazzoli), painter, Cremona, 1540; John Owen, theologian, London, 1683; Thomas Chatterton, poet, *committed suicide*, London, 1770; Sadi Carnot, scientist, Paris, 1832; Theodore Hook, novelist, London, 1841; Getulio Vargas, President of Brazil 1930-45, committed suicide, Rio de Janiero, Brazil, 1954; Feliks Topolski, artist, 1989.

Mount Vesuvius erupted and buried Pompeii and Herculaneum in hot volcanic ash, AD 79.

The Massacre of the Huguenots in Paris by order of Catherine de Medici took place, 1572.

John Charnock established a trading post on behalf of the English East India Company in Kalikata, West Bengal, 1690.

Washington was captured by British forces, 1814.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr W.A.K. Burke and Miss H.P. Clegg

The engagement is announced between Kinross Burke, of Dunmore East and Dublin, and Helen Clegg, of The Old Granary, Chagford, Devon.

Mr R.G. Eaton Hart and Miss H.M. Peck

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Eaton Hart, of Heytesbury, Wiltshire, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Grahame Peck, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.C. Hoare and Miss S. Keane

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of *Mr Henry Hoare and Mrs Pamela* Forbes, and Sara, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerard Keane.

Mr S.W. Jones and Miss P.A.M. Howe

The engagement is announced between Sean, elder son of Mrs Margaret Jones, of Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, and Penny, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Jim Howe, of Edinburgh.

Mr G.D. Meyer and Miss C. Meade

The engagement is announced between Gary Donald, youngest son of Mr Donald Meyer, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex and Mrs James *Sayer, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex*, and Catherine, twin elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Meade, of Hedenham, Norfolk.

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The engagement is announced of Michael Vernon to Annabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Donner, of Crowcombe, Taunton, Somerset.

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The engagement is announced between Henry, elder son of Dr and Mrs Roddy Lewis, of Bodiam, East Sussex, and Kate, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Hitchcock, of Hadstock, Cambridgeshire.

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The engagement is announced between Sebastian David Heneage, younger son of Mrs Heneage G. Wheeler, of Castle Cary, and the late Mr Heneage G. Wheeler, and Sarah Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Gordon, of Whitchurch-on-Thames.

Marriage

Mr G.R.T. Sutton and Miss J. Alwart

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 20, 1994, at St James' Church, Weybridge, Surrey, of Mr Guy Sutton, only *son of Mr Robert Sutton*, of Claygate, Surrey and Mrs Karoline Holland, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, to Miss Jennifer Alwart, youngest daughter of Mr Hans Alwart, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Mrs Ulla Hastrup. The Rev Mary Stokes officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of ivory Dupion silk and was attended by Madeleine Bennett, Oliver Birth, Miss Katrina Alwart and Miss Andrea Sutton. Mr Richard Dalton was best man and the ushers were Mr Greg Alwart and Mr Paul Sonvico.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Mauritius.

Latest wills

Mr David Miles **Bensusan-Butt**, of London W6, the economist, and personal adviser to Sir Winston Churchill, left estate valued at £915,011 net.

He left his painting "La Petite Bonne" by Pissarro to the Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, and his painting of Acacia Minories Garden by Pissarro to the Corporation of Colchester.

Mr Samuel **Parkinson**, of Bowness on Windermere, Cumbria, left estate valued at £2,110,131 net.

He left a few personal and other bequests, and the residue to "The Samuel and Freda Parkinson Charitable Trust" created on November 2, 1987, for its general charitable purposes.

Mr Vojislav Mihailo **Petronijevic**, of London W13, left estate valued at £853,237.

He left £180,000 to personal legatees, and the residue to the Aberlour Childcare Trust, Stirling.

Mr John Robert **Edwards**, of Beverley, Humberside, who died intestate, left estate valued at £810,553 net.

Sir Philip James **Rogers**, of Newick, East Sussex, chairman of the Tobacco Research Council 1963-71, left estate valued at £492,192 net.

He left £2,500 to the Nuffield Nursing Home, Brighton.

Mr Elliot Howard Joseph **Hillyer**, of London N14, left estate valued at £578,592 net.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Joyce Mabel **Beeby**, of Hungerford, Berkshire £1,709,409.

Mr John Francis **Birks**, of Dringhouses, York .. £778,999.

Mr Louis Ernest Charles **Croucher**, of Pickering, North Yorkshire..... £713,847.

The Hon Helen Janice Patricia **Gully**, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent £549,157

Mr Christopher David **Iles**, of Beckington, Somerset £539,187.

Dr Andrew **Jervis**, of Adel, Leeds..... £739,635.

Mr Stanley **Key**, of Matlock, Derbyshire ..... £567,571.

Mr Sidney Harold **Moore**, of Norwich, Norfolk ..... £735,176.

Mr Jack **Parkin**, of Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire £714,614.

Mr Anthony **Rampton**, of Petersham, Surrey, late company director..... £1,332,128.

Mrs Winifred Elizabeth **Small**, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire..... £531,369.

Mr Walter John **Strachan**, of Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire..... £661,877.

Scholarships

Davies Laing and Dick Sixth Form College

Davies Laing and Dick are pleased to announce the following leaving scholarships:

Vuk Jeremic, Queens' College, Cambridge to read Computer Science; Christine Martin, Churchill College, *Cambridge* to read Classics; Christopher Preece, Leeds University to read Economics; Edmond Sung, University of Wales to read Medicine; Che-Yu Chang, Imperial College, London to read Electrical Engineering; Michael Steliaros, Nottingham University to read Economics; Thomasina Coombe, York University to read French.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Peter Anderson, Priest-in-charge, Plaistow (Chelmsford): to be Vicar, St Andrew w. St Francis of Assisi, Willesden Green (London).

Canon Peter Ashton, Team Rector, Billericay and Little Burstead Team Ministry: to be reappointed also Rural Dean of Basildon (Chelmsford).

The Rev Dr Anne Barton, Curate, Burley: to be Chaplain, King Alfred's College (Winchester).

The Rev Richard Billinghurst, Vicar, Skellingthorpe St Lawrence: to be *also* Rural Dean of Graffoe (Lincoln).

The Rev Bronwen Carling, Assistant Curate, Blakeney, Cley, Wiveton, Glandford and Letheringsett: to be Assistant Curate, Trunch Team Ministry (Norwich).

The Rev Jenny Dumat, Minister-in-charge, Friskney: *also* to have pastoral oversight of the parish of Wrangle (Lincoln).

The Rev Robin Elphick, Rector, Frinton-on-Sea: to be Priest-in-charge, East and West Mersea and Priest-in-charge, Peldon w. Great and Little Wigborough (Chelmsford).

The Rev Vivien Elphick, Curate, Oulton Broad and Chaplain of Lowestoft Hospital: to be Priest-in-charge, South Burlingham, Lingwood, Strumpshaw and Hassingham w. Buckenham (Norwich).

The Rev Rosemary Enever, Assistant Curate (NSM), Great Ilford (Seven Kings), St John: to be Stipendiary Team Vicar, Waltham Abbey Team Ministry, w. responsibility for Ninefields, St Lawrence (Chelmsford).

The Rev David Enoch, Curate (NSM), Much Birch group of parishes, Hereford: to be Priest-in-charge, St Andrew w. St Mary, How Caple, St Michael, Sollarshope, St Tysilio, Sellack: St John Baptist, King's Caple; St Mary, Foy; St Dubricius, Hentland; St Catherine, Hoarwithy (Hereford).

The Rev Alex Galbraith, Assistant Curate, Emmanuel, Southport: to be Assistant Curate, Mossley Hill Parish Church (Liverpool).

Canon Peter Hill, Vicar, Holbeach: to be also Rural Dean of Elfe East (Lincoln).

The Rev Christopher Hobbs, Curate, Christ Church, Barnet (London): to be Curate, Jesmond Parish Church (Newcastle).

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What makes you so bold at heart, and why do your eyes flash, that you vent your anger on God and pour out such mouthfuls of words? Job 15 : 12,13. (RSV)

BIRTHS

BARTON - On 18th August to Anna and Andrew, a daughter, Henrietta Alice. A sister for Sophie and Lucinda. Remembering always James, who will remain in our hearts forever.

BLUNT - On August 22nd to Victoria (née Jenkins) and Crispin, a son, Frederick (Freddie) Henry Kenneth, a brother for Claudia.

DOWN - On 17th August to Stephen and Sue (née Olszowska) a son, Jack Stephen Frederick, a brother for Rebecca.

DRAKEFORD-LEWIS - On 22nd August to Suzanne (née Scott) and Nigel, a son, Christopher James.

HACKETT - Charles Frederick, son of Lucy and Gerald Hackett, sadly stillborn on 21st August 1994. Service at Cambridge Crematorium, Friday 26th August, 1.45pm. Donations may be sent to Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society, c/o Mrs Y. Ewers, Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

HAVILAND - On 15th August to Marlene (née Watt) and Peter, a son, Andrew Watt, a brother for Mary Caroline.

HEMMER - On August 20th at The Portland Hospital to Kathleen and James a handsome son, Paul James. Born 4.54am, weighing 4.07 kilos (9 lbs).

JAGO - On August 20th 1994 to Geraldine (née Malle) and Daniel, a daughter, Emily Catherine.

JOHNS - On 17th August 1994, to Rossane (née Slayter) and Peter, a son, Harry Vivian Alexander, a brother for Jack and Robert.

BIRTHS

LOVICK - On 19th August to Judy (née Frank) and Michael, a son, Thomas Charles Nicholas, a brother for James.

McFERRAN - On August 18th to Tanya and Don, a son, Benjamin David (Dolebin) a partner in crime for Sam.

NAPIER - On August 21st to Nicky (née Sykes) and Alex, a son, Sam Augustus James, a brother for Jack.

NEVILLE-ROLFE - See Packer.

PACKER - On 19th August, to Lucy (née Neville-Rolfe) and *Richard, a son, Samuel Inigo*, a brother for Tom, William and Harry and half brother for James, George and Rachel.

PUGH - On 21st August to Pauline and Warwick, a daughter, Olivia, a sister for Clarissa.

SAVAGE - On August 21st to Caroline and Charles a son *Jacob Ren*. A welcome grandson for Jeannette and Peter Daniell of Staplehurst and Marie and the late Ron Savage of Fulwood Sheffield.

THOMPSON - On August 17th, to Patsy and Michael, a son, Edward Alexander.

THORNTON - On August 20th to Mark and Rossane, a son, Patrick, a brother for Louise.

DEATHS

BRISTOW - On 19th August, peacefully at home in Cambridge, Joan Rowland, aged 88, loved wife of the late C.H. Bristow of Lloyd's and mother of Christopher and Anne. Funeral at St. James, Fulmer, Bucks. On 30th August 2.45pm. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Alzheimer's Research Trust, King's College, Cambridge

BRIGGS - On Sunday 21st August 1994, Annie Maud, (Topsy), in her 93rd year, widow of Percy Briggs, C.B.E. formerly of the Electricity Council. Will be sadly missed by son John and his wife Sheila and all her family. Funeral Service on Tuesday 30th August in St. John's Parish Church Peterborough, at 11.45am followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to Watkins and Stafford, Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough.

GAZEL - 21st August, peacefully, Erica, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral, St. Mary's Parish Church, Ringmer, Sussex, Friday 26th August 2pm. Rather than flowers, donations to the Middlesex Hospital. There will be a Thanksgiving Service in London later.

DEATHS

DAUBNEY- On August 20th, Charles G., M.Sc., F.R.S.C., husband of Mielde (Maria), father of Jill Dickie, father and papa of Peter and Sue Daubney, grandpa of Clare and Dale Channing and of Louisa Daubney. Service at South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, Streatham, SW16 on Friday 2nd September at 2pm. No flowers please, but donations, if wished, to Friends of Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HT.

FISHER - On August 21st 1994, peacefully in Leicester Royal Infirmary, H.R.S. (Ron) of Uppingham aged 78 years. Dear husband of Joyce and the late Gwen. Funeral service at Uppingham Parish Church on Friday August 26th at 11am, followed by private cremation. No flowers, no mourning please. Donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses c/o E. M. Dorman, Funeral Director, 10 Main Street, Bisbrooke, Uppingham LE15 9EP. Tel: 0572 823976.

GORDON - On 21st August, Luis Francis, aged 29 years, of Clapham, London. Beloved husband of Carrie, adored son of Luis and Wendy, dearly loved brother of Simon, Mid. Tom. Ben and Mickey. Funeral on Friday 26th August, at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield Sussex at 12 noon. All flowers and enquiries please to P.& S. Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex. Tel: 0444 451166. A Memorial Service will take place on Sunday 28th August, at Worth Abbey, near Turners Hill Sussex, at 11am.

DEATHS

GATESBY- Maurice William (Mick) M.C. - On August 22nd 1994, peacefully after a short illness. A courageous, wise and loving man. Much loved husband of Joan, *father of Deb, Prue and Jeffe* and a dear Grandpa and father-in-law. Family flowers only. Donations if wished for the Ralph Bates Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund, c/o W.J. Wright, Funeral Director, Well Lane, Stow-on-the-Wold, Cheltenham, Glos. GL54 1DG. Tel: 0451 831829.

GRUNFELD - Ernst, EG, Daddy, Opi, beloved husband of Erika, died peacefully at his home in Marlow on August 21st 1994. Loving, generous and loving to us all, he will be sadly missed.

HENDERSON - On August 18th 1994, Peacefully Joan, beloved wife of the late Charles David Henderson, and loving mother of Margaret, Charlotte and Giles. Enquiries Stoneman Funeral Services. Tel: 0737 763456

KINDRED - William, suddenly on 22nd August at home. Funeral Service at Christ Church Beckenham Kent at 11.45am on Wednesday 31st August, followed by interment at London Road Cemetery, Bromley at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Cheshire Homes, Tear Fund or Barnoodsley and Brook Lane Medical Mission.

LE FEVRE - Professor Edwin John, on 20th August 1994, aged 81, peacefully. Beloved by all the family and friends. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on 26th August at 3pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Amnesty International or Shelter.

DEATHS

LEIGH-HUNT - Susan Margaret aged 47, on 21st August 1994 at home. Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 30th August 1.30pm at All Saints Church, Burbage. Wilts. No flowers. Cheques please for Refurbishment Projects at All Saints Church, Burbage, payable to The Parish Administrator, B. Smith, 106 High St, Marlborough, Wilts SN8 1LT.

LUTO - On August 22nd 1994 Kathleen "Kaye" (née Elsegood) aged 85 years, passed away peacefully in Torquay. Dearly missed by her daughter and granddaughters. Requiem Mass at The Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Denis, St. Marychurch, Torquay, on Friday August 26th at 10 am. No flowers by request. R.I.P. Any enquiries to Torbay and District Funeral Service. Tel: 0803 315006

MARNER - On August 20th peacefully at home, Bright (née Macnamara) aged 81. Funeral Service and burial at Ellingham Church on Tuesday August 30th at 2pm. Flowers to Barrow Bros., Funeral Directors, 2 Nursery Road, Ringwood, Hants.

MELLIS - Anne, wife of Captain David Mellis R.N. and mother of Mattie, Patrick and Charlotte, dearly loved: from a stroke on 16th August at home, aged 77.

MOSS - On 22nd August, peacefully in England, Alice Mary Moss of Kenya, aged 85 years. Dearly loved mother of Anthony and Lit and grandmother of Edward. The funeral service to be held at King Sutton Parish Church on Thursday, 25th August at 2.30pm.

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SEYMOUR - Basil Frederick J.P. On *Monday 22nd* August at home aged 75 years. Much loved by his wife Pat and family, David, Pat and Jenny; James, Jane and Edward. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Stoke D'Abernon on Wednesday 31st August 3.15pm followed by cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to Cobham Hospital Building Fund c/o W.A.Trotelove and Son, 118, Carshalton Road, Sutton, Surrey. Tel: 081 642 8211.

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MILKED OF ITS MARKET

The dairy industry needs more freedom, not less

The Government's plans for deregulation of the milk industry are barely worthy of the name. The quality and price of milk are carefully scrutinised by the British public, which probably values the fresh pint of milk delivered to the doorstep more than any other consumer good. There is much wrong with the existing system of milk marketing; but the legislation due to be implemented on November 1 will simply replace one monopoly with another.

Since 1933, the Milk Marketing Board has controlled purchasing and fixed prices, ensuring steady milk supplies and security for farmers. Now this relic of the command economy is to be replaced by a voluntary farmers' co-operative called Milk Marque. In principle, this is a step forward, sweeping away an antiquated price-fixing mechanism which postponed the development of a true market in dairy products. The defect of the reform is that Milk Marque is voluntary only in name. More than 60 per cent of dairy farmers have already rushed to sign up to the organisation, which expects to increase its prices by 6 per cent. It is doing so with good reason. The demand for milk exceeds the supply; and because Milk Marque faces so little competition it can raise its prices with impunity.

This unsatisfactory situation partly reflects the innate conservatism of British dairy farmers, most of whom would rather cling to the skirts of the reformed Milk Marketing Board than risk independence. Those who have set up or are planning to set up smaller local co-operatives deserve every encouragement. But the greatest distortion in this particular market is not the board or its successor, but the European Union's Common Agricultural Policy.

Under European regulations, Britain is obliged to import 15 per cent of its milk. This is because, whatever the country's dairy capacity and regardless of British consumer demand, British farmers face heavy penalties if they exceed the milk quotas imposed by Brussels. This deliberate market-rigging has had a predictable side-effect. A trade among farmers in milk quotas has sprung up, the cost of which is now estimated at around £400 million a year — nearly double the value of the proposed Milk Marque price rise. The combination of monopoly marketing and constraints on supply renders domestic prices artificially high.

What the British milk market needs is more deregulation rather than less. The American example shows that strong central control is not necessary to maintain high standards; indeed, the sheer variety of milk types available in American supermarkets suggests that liberalisation would at the very least enhance consumer choice in this country. The British public needs to be reassured that its milk will still be delivered and will be of a high quality. The first requirement will only be satisfied if dairy companies are able to shop around for their supplies and keep costs down. The second criterion could be met if the Milk Marque scheme were abandoned and replaced by an official standards inspectorate which carried out random tests on farms, dairies and delivery lorries. Few consumers would stand for milk which did not carry this seal of approval. As it is, the public can look forward only to disruption and high prices.

MEXICO'S MANDATE

Zedillo's victory is a vote for stability and reform

Mexico's voters will soon have a new President. What they really want, however, is a new Mexico. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, victorious in Sunday's path-breaking elections, has promised to pay heed to this hunger for political change. His overtures to his political opponents need to be followed through, quickly and assiduously, with concrete proposals for sharing in the business of government. Political reforms are vital to underpin the modernisation of Mexico's economy by the incumbent President, Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Señor Zedillo is the first presidential candidate from the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) to win with less than 50 per cent of the vote. Yet far from signalling relative failure, this result is his greatest source of strength. Never before have Mexico's voters been treated with such respect. No election in the country has ever been fairer; and never before has voting been scrutinised so closely, by so many observers. Unprecedentedly, in a country as jealous of its sovereignty as Mexico, many of the eagle-eyes had foreign faces. What is more, the very high turnout of voters suggests that reports of countrywide suspicion of the electoral process was exaggerated.

There were irregularities, and the campaign itself was not without flaws. Many instances of double voting were observed, and no a few polling stations ran out of ballot papers. But none of this occurred on a scale large enough to vitiate the process or invalidate the result: Joe Clark, the former Canadian Prime Minister, was one of many independent observers to affirm this. The count — the key to electoral fraud in elections past — was conducted this time in transparent circumstances. This has not prevented Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, the candidate of the Left, from alleging fraud and questioning the validity of Señor Zedillo's triumph.

It is difficult to sympathise with Señor Cárdenas. His decision to cry foul was clear months ago, apparently on no more solid ground than his conviction that any election which he did not win would by definition be fraudulent. Having come in third in the presidential race, his reaction is as irresponsible as it is intemperate. At a time when Mexico is in a political penumbra, and its citizens yearn for stability and social cohesion, his protests could incite public disorder.

Señor Zedillo must, however, remain faithful to his campaign promises: the pursuit of liberal economic policies, and the reconstruction of Mexico's polity. As President Salinas realised belatedly — and it took an armed rebellion in Chiapas to make him see this — the two goals are inseparable. In fact, a failure to reform Mexico's political system could put in jeopardy much that it has achieved in terms of economic reform.

For all his ingenuity, Señor Salinas was not elected with the secure democratic mandate for his economic policy which his successor now enjoys. The latter, however, has been mandated to do much more. He must begin by reconstructing the PRI, and by drawing a firm line between State and party. Equally pressing is reform of the country's judicial system: its primitive state has important economic consequences, particularly in the enforcement of contracts and competition laws.

Mexico is justly proud of its recent admission to the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development, the "rich men's club". But if Mexico is to call itself a modern State, it must have an independent judiciary, empowered to call government servants, including the police, to account. Only by doing so will Señor Zedillo begin to construct a credible democracy. America and Canada, its partners in the North American Free Trade Agreement, will not be comfortable with anything less.

BRITAIN'S TOMORROW

Today's children are more virtuous than most assume

It has always been the adult's prerogative to bemoan the degeneracy of the young. Parents often think that their children have had a better life than they did, yet that they are disdainful of the privilege. And other people's children are feared as potential destabilisers of the moral order. It would be easy to conclude from recent media coverage that most teenage boys spend whatever free time they have left from burglary, truancy and joy-riding sitting in front of video nasties or sniffing glue.

Yet the picture painted by the Central Statistical Office's *Social Focus on Children*, published yesterday, is far kinder. It shows that the decadent youths who terrorise their seniors are a tiny minority of young people. The old, virtuous habits of reading, learning and sport are by no means dead.

The report should also put into perpective current anxieties about the number of children being brought up by one parent. Four-fifths of dependent children, the CSO finds, still live in a family with two parents. They are, what is more, under more careful parental control than is often assumed; and most of them — three-quarters of 11-13-year-olds — actually like school. Even more say that their parents make sure that they do their homework. Although truancy is a problem for a small minority of the young, a surprisingly high 89 per cent were never absent from school in 1992-93. Teachers' complaints that parents do not care enough about their children's education seem to be founded in fantasy: 97 per cent of the children asked said that their parents thought it important for them to do well at school. And their own aspirations seem to have risen. Only 11 per cent of 13-year-olds intended to get a job as soon as they reached the school leaving age. Almost all the rest wanted to stay in education.

Outside school, today's children are not just the couch potatoes or computer-game addicts that is often assumed. Seventy per cent of children use a library at least once a fortnight, with half using it once a week. The list of best selling toys going back to 1980 is topped by a computer game in only one year. The most-bought toys are little different from those with which their parents played: Barbie dolls, Thunderbirds, Captain Scarlet and Action Man. Sport is still very popular; even in winter, more than four out of five children play at least once a week.

So what will this generation be like as adults? Much "greener" than their parents: nearly nine in ten are interested in the environment. Possibly thriftier: around three-quarters already have money in a savings scheme. Certainly computer-literate: 99 per cent of primary-school children have hands-on experience of computers. The only danger is that they will turn out far too pleased with themselves. Only 4 per cent of 13-year-olds think that they are below average at schoolwork. Cushioned from failure by overprotective teachers who conspire in this cultural self-delusion, the British young seem not to set themselves testing standards. Viewed from the perspective of Britain's future ability to compete internationally, this may, alas, be the survey's most important lesson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Controversial A-level standards in the 'harder' subjects

From Mr John Cooney

Sir, Every year sees the improvement of standards and record-breaking in athletics, receiving media acclaim and public acceptance. It is principally attributed to substantial and increasing financial incentives for athletes, and to improved training methods.

In the educational arena, pupils are now relentlessly driven to improvement by the terrible spectre of high unemployment and fierce competition for university places; equally, teachers are driven by published league tables and performance pay. Yet when the A-level exam results show that pupils' and teachers' strenuous endeavours have this year achieved improvements from B to A grade in the traditional "hard" subjects of at best 1 in 10 in classics, 1 in 14 in biology/chemistry/physics, and on down to 1 in 100 in other sciences, such achievements are publicly denigrated by bland assumptions of falling standards. This despite the general squeeze this year on university places.

What possible encouragement can there be to youngsters who have worked extremely hard to earn their grades to see their efforts publicly disparaged, and acclaim reserved instead for those who pound the roads in training for a marathon? If athletes can find the extra resource when competing under intense pressure, why do some find it so difficult to accept that students can do the same under similar pressures?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN COONEY,
73 Ember Lane, Esher, Surrey.
August 20.

From Mr Joe Ruston

Sir, In an attempt to monitor changing standards in A-level physics, my colleagues and I have compared one of this summer's exam papers with an A-level paper from 1974. We believe that this exercise has some value because, in physics, the difficulty of the question largely defines the difficulty of the exam.

For each question from the 1974 paper, we asked ourselves whether it could be attempted by a candidate prepared for the 1994 paper. We found that only questions worth 22 per cent of the marks could have been attempted by today's candidates.

Next, for each question from the 1994 paper, we asked ourselves whether it could be attempted by candidates prepared for the 1974 exam. We found that all the questions could have been attempted by them.

Finally, for each question from the 1994 paper, we asked whether it could be attempted by candidates prepared for the 1974 O-level paper? We found that they could have attempted questions worth 40 per cent of the marks.

Yours faithfully,
JOE RUSTON
(Chairman),
MPW Group of Independent Sixth-form Colleges,
24 Elvaston Place, SW7.
August 22.

From Dr Douglas B. Kell

Sir, Following the sixth successive ritual increase in A-level percentage passes, and the accompanying ritual statement by government spokesmen that this does not mean that the examination is becoming easier, no one seems to have seen fit to ask the opinion of any university lecturers — i.e., those most qualified to judge what these students have learned during their A levels. Were they to do so, they would discover that the standards of factual knowledge have plummeted alarmingly and irreversibly over the last ten years and more.

The late C. P. Snow held that an educated person should understand the Second Law of Thermodynamics. My aims are less lofty, since no amount of political posturing will disguise the fact that most students with passes in A-level chemistry do not even know what a logarithm is.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS KELL,
Symlog House,
Cwmsymlog, Aberystwyth, Dyfed.
August 19.

From Mr Eric Jamieson

Sir, In the debate on the greater percentage of candidates passing at A level I have yet to read that the method of examining may be a partial explanation. Almost all boards now set multiple-choice questions in certain subjects — e.g., physics and economics. These are obviously simpler to mark and probably cost less than traditional examination papers requiring a piece of written prose.

The usual multiple-choice question consists of a correct answer and three or four "distractors" (incorrect answers). There is no way that, for any particular question, the examiner can distinguish between a candidate who knew the answer and one who merely guessed. In fact the advice given to candidates by their teachers is that no question should be omitted even if this means a merely random ticking of responses.

This is sound advice, because there is at least a one-in-five chance of being right. Obviously a question requiring a sentence in English is not open to the same objection as the answer is not already given on the paper.

I do not argue that we should discontinue multiple-choice questions — they have many advantages; but we must admit that random chance may help candidates to pass who would fail in a traditional paper.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC JAMIESON,
26 Latchford Road, Gayton,
Heswall, Wirral, Cheshire.
August 19.

From Mr J. Grayson

Sir, What good news! Record A-level passes! Congratulations to the successful candidates!

All too readily teachers are the first to be criticised for poor results, as they were this week. The falling interest in maths and science, resulting in a lack of students taking these subjects, was blamed on the teachers for their lack of skill and enthusiasm in teaching these subjects at primary and secondary levels.

Do I hear a cry from the same authorities in regard to A-level passes? Perhaps the same teachers' skills and enthusiasm might have something to do with the increased success rate?

Yours faithfully,
J. GRAYSON
(Parent and teacher),
8A Leamington Road,
Barton Hills, Luton, Bedfordshire.
August 18.

From Mrs Beryl Simpson

Sir, I notice that, with all these wonderful A-level results, there have not been any congratulatory comments regarding work done by the former Education Secretary!

Yours sincerely,
BERYL SIMPSON,
Forge Cottage, Rookery Lane,
Nr Upottery, Honiton, Devon.
August 19.

Identity cards

From Mr John Paxton

Sir, It seems to me that we are bowing to police wishes too easily. Car sales figures are distorted because the police require that they can identify a car by its registration letter; we now have the move towards pseudo identity cards [letters, August 10, 13, 18]. It would be easier for the police if we were all given numbers rather than names at birth.

To argue, as some do, that the move towards an identity card brings us in line with the rest of Europe is bogus when such terrible events have occurred in this century. A willingness to conform led to Hitler and the persecution of the Jews.

The smart card could eventually contain much more than is now envisaged, including identifying Jew, Muslim, Christian (Roman Catholic or Protestant), Hindu, etc. We may not always have these nice gentlemen governing us and the Home Secretary could become the justice or security minister.

There may well be valid arguments for having a photograph on the driving document: but these very smart cards? No.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PAXTON,
Moss Cottage,
Hardway, Bruton, Somerset.

Hampden celebrated

From the Honorary Secretary of the John Hampden Society

Sir, John Hampden was born not in 1595 but in 1594 ("Civil War dissenter finds honour abroad", August 12) and thus this society is currently celebrating the 400th anniversary of his birth. This week the citizens of Hampden, Maine, are also celebrating the bicentenary of their town being renamed after the man known as "The Patriot".

Hampden was not a "republican dissenter". He rejected the idea of an absolute monarchy, but fought for the principle of a monarch ruling through ministers approved by Parliament. Had he lived it is unlikely that King Charles I would have been beheaded, but we might have seen the Glorious Revolution of 1689 take place more than 40 years earlier.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the Lord General to whom John Hampden was appointed Chief of Staff was not Oliver Cromwell but the Earl of Essex. At that time Cromwell was an obscure Captain of Horse in Essex's army, and did not rise to any position of authority until a year or more after Hampden's death.

Yours faithfully,
ROY BAILEY,
Honorary Secretary,
The John Hampden Society,
The Malt House, Great Shefford,
Newbury, Berkshire.
August 15.

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Labour policies

From Mr David Faull

Sir, Your correspondents of August 16 get near to the crucial point about Mr Blair and the Labour Party: that the party and its leaders have made no secret, over the last seven years or so, of the fact that the policies they put forward are those upon which they believe they have the best chance of being elected, not those in which they believe.

It is party, not leader, who is elected, and manifestos have no force in law. "One member one vote" does nothing to relieve the threat, as it has often been moderate union bosses who held party activists in check in the past.

That said, the party is the creation of the union movement and is still largely financed by the unions. Anyone who thinks it will be a liberal democratic party once elected must have a spectacular gullibility quotient. Labour is a socialist party which sings the anthem of its true belief at the end of every conference.

The truly frustrating thing for the Liberal Democrats is that it is not only the Labour Party which pretends to their heartfelt beliefs but the Tories too. The Conservative claim to represent the interests of the individual is as false as Labour's, unless you happen to be among the few fortunate enough to belong to one of the privileged groups who finance and dominate the party.

It is, of course, our corrupt electoral system, corrupt because it is maintained by those who benefit from it despite its being totally undemocratic and capable of actually reversing voters' intentions, which ensures the Liberal Democrats will always fall short of their proper share of power. Any party whose support is not based directly, or through class, on geographic location will always lose out to the class-based/nationalist parties.

In the days when I was an active Liberal, before the merger fiasco, there was much talk of an anti-Tory alliance but it always seemed to me that the only natural anti-anything alliance would be against socialism.

So, it seems to me now that what we desperately need is the chance to change this tired and played out administration without the disaster of socialism. We need electoral reform now, before Blair or A. N. Other takes us back to a pre-Thatcherite era.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FAULL,
Sedgemoor House, Church Lane,
Westonzoyland, Somerset.
August 16.

Schubert in Britain

From Mrs Penny Jonas

Sir, The eminent Dr Robert Simpson (letter, August 12) regrets the lack of similar events in Britain or Ireland to the Feldkirch Schubertiade in Austria.

At Blackheath Concert Halls we are in fact planning our second Schubertiade, the first four-day event having taken place in May 1992. Under the artistic direction of Graham Johnson, our second will take place from February 17 to 19, 1995.

The weekend will be an opportunity for young British artists such as Simon Keenlyside, Ian Bostridge, Patricia Rozario and Catherine Wyn-Rogers to take part in a festival of voice, piano and chamber music with the internationally acclaimed interpreter of Schubert Lieder, Peter Schreier. We would be delighted and honoured if Dr Simpson was able to join us.

Yours faithfully,
PENNY JONAS (Chairman),
Blackheath Concert Halls,
23 Lee Road, Blackheath, SE3.
August 15.

From Mrs Richard Kindersley

Sir, Like Dr Simpson I went to the Schubertiade this June and came home eager to hear again, in this country, more recitals of the music I had enjoyed there.

But another festival? More high prices? Did Dr Simpson notice that at Feldkirch, with tickets selling at £30-£40, there was scarcely a concert-goer under 50? Is this what he means by "an audience worthy of celebrated artists"?

Yours sincerely,
ANNE KINDERSLEY,
57 Chalfont Road, Oxford.

From Mrs B. S. Crabbe

Sir, Alan Kogosowski, the pianist, is the music director of a series of concerts entitled "Schubertiades at Sotheby's", which he initiated in 1986 and which have been held annually between February and June. This year, the ninth season, the programme was expanded from four to six concerts and in 1995 it is planned to hold at least eight.

Dr Simpson may care to attend next season's concerts without going all the way to Austria.

Yours sincerely,
BIRGIT CRABBE,
Concert Artists Ltd,
50 Ringmer Avenue, SW6.

From Miss Julia MacRae

Sir, I would suggest that we already have a festival devoted to song recital and chamber music. It runs all season long, featuring the greatest artists in the world (including all four of the distinguished soloists mentioned by Dr Simpson), costs much less than the Schubertiade in Feldkirch and is easier to reach. It is called the Wigmore Hall.

Yours sincerely,
JULIA MacRAE,
13 Pattison Road, NW2.
August 12.

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English victories fêted in France

From Mr Philip C. H. H. Preston

Sir, As a resident of Crécy-en-Ponthieu I was proud to read Mr Gordon Fenwick's praise for the efforts of the commune both to commemorate the battle and to preserve the battlefield (letter, August 19).

As he implies, the English can be enormously grateful that the site of one of their most exalted victories is so well commemorated by those so wretchedly vanquished. Fortunately, the mayor of Crécy appreciates the historical significance of the battlefield and wishes to do as much as the commune can afford to maintain it, including if possible establishing a small museum/exhibition within the village.

The battle is a famous landmark in English military history, and certainly for the longbow. Yet, as its site is beyond the influence of the Battlefields Commission, it seems appropriate and in the best spirit of modern friendship that some contribution should come from Britain. To this end the Battle of Crécy Museum Trust is being formed with the initial aim of raising funds within the UK for the procurement of exhibition material for display within a building to be supplied by Crécy itself.

Potent encouragement for this project has come from, amongst others, Mr Robert Hardy, the actor and leading longbow expert, Mr David Smurthwaite at the National Army Museum, the Royal Armouries, Professor Michael Prestwich of Durham University, and the British consul in Lille.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP C. H. H. PRESTON,
3 Place Gilbert Gaffet,
Crécy-en-Ponthieu,
80150 Somme, France.
August 21.

From Mr C. S. L. Davies

Sir, Crécy one of *Britain's* greatest victories, Mr Fenwick? At a time when Scotland was actively allied with France?

Yours sincerely,
CLIFFORD DAVIES,
Wadham College, Oxford.
August 18.

From Mr Keith Michel

Sir, Those of your readers who are as interested as Mr Fenwick in battlefield preservation would be well advised also to visit the site of the equally famous English victory at Agincourt in 1415.

Whilst at Crécy there is, as Mr Fenwick says, a sympathetic reconstruction of Edward III's windmill, at the village of Azincourt (*sic*) there is an even more impressive commemoration. A museum was created there several years ago by a group of volunteers to house an interesting collection of weaponry, a magnificent model of the battle and a multi-lingual video presentation. A circuit of the battlefield area can be made on foot from the museum, with the assistance of a personal audio set and a helpful and well drawn map.

Azincourt is a tiny village in Artois, less than an hour's drive from Crécy and about midway between Abbeville and St Omer. We visited both sites recently whilst returning from Normandy with my father, who took part in the D-Day landing. It was both unexpected and exciting to find two other distant but not forgotten expeditions and victories commemorated in a similarly dignified way.

Yours etc,
KEITH MICHEL,
Marlow House, Lloyds Avenue, EC3.
August 22.

Trips for offenders

From Mr J. Lane

Sir, If social workers were not allowed to accompany teenage delinquents on so-called remedial trips overseas, I suspect the case for such trips would soon vanish.

Yours etc,
J. LANE,
31 Neville Road,
Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands.

From Mrs J. Lewin-Harris

Sir, It is a basic principle of training any young animal that you must consistently chastise bad behaviour and reward good behaviour. When the puppy piddles on the carpet, you say "no" firmly and put it outside. You do not give it a biscuit. It seems to me that sending young people who have broken the law on foreign holidays is exactly the equivalent of giving the puppy the biscuit.

Yours faithfully,
JOANNA LEWIN-HARRIS,
Conquest Farm, Norton Fitzwarren,
Taunton, Somerset.

Bang up to date

From Mr Dominic Grant

Sir, Regarding the unusual goings on at York Minster brought to your attention by the Reverend J. D. Corbett (letter, August 22), it sounds as though the "Mixed heavy anti-aircraft battery service" would be ideal accompaniment for a performance of Haydn's *Missa in tempore belli* ("Mass in time of war").

Yours faithfully,
DOMINIC GRANT,
19 Firthview Drive, Inverness.
August 22.

OBITUARIES

CATHOLICOS VAZGEN I

Vazgen I, Patriarch of Echmiadzin and Catholicos of All Armenians since 1955, died in Yerevan on August 18 aged 85. He was born in Rodoto, Romania, on September 20, 1908.



VAZGEN I led Armenia's national church for almost forty years, bridging its transition from being an oppressed institution barely functioning under Soviet control to one of the few stable elements in the fragile democracy of the newly-independent Armenian republic.

His leadership was one of cautious consolidation. He espoused loyalty to the Soviet state in public while trying to expand the Church's role, as far as was possible in Soviet conditions, and attempting to reunite the Church in Armenia with the diaspora Armenian communities of the Middle East, Europe and America.

Based at the Church's historic centre at Echmiadzin, 15 miles south-west of the Armenian capital, Yerevan, he also sought to end the traditional isolation of this pre-Chalcedonian Church from the rest of the Christian world. Initially hesitant in the face of growing calls for Armenian independence in the late 1980s, he performed the role of leading citizen in post-independence Armenia. A month ago he was the first to be awarded the new state honour, National Hero of Armenia.

Vazgen was born Levon Karapet Baljian in the Romanian village of Rodoto. After studies at the German School in Bucharest he embarked on a secular career, graduating in 1936 from the faculty of philosophy and literature of Bucharest University. He became a teacher in Bucharest's Armenian School but later took up theology. He was ordained priest in 1943 in Athens, taking the religious name Vazgen. It was not long before he was raised to the episcopate, being consecrated Bishop of the diocese of Romania and Bulgaria in 1951. His acceptance by the new Communist authorities in Romania must have guaranteed his political reliability as, when Catholicos Kevork VI died in 1954, Vazgen proved a candidate acceptable to the Communist authorities in Armenia.

The church assembly gathered in Echmiadzin in September 1955 and Vazgen was elected unanimously as the 130th Catholicos of All Armenians. He inherited a Church in a pitiful state.

Despite the traditional centrality of the Church in Armenian life, the Soviet authorities had reduced it to a sorry rump of its former self. More than a thousand churches had been reduced to about thirty and many of the dioceses were defunct. It was only a 1945 meeting of Vazgen's predecessor, Kevork, with Stalin that had saved the Church from total extinction. Kevork had been able to reopen a seminary and a small number of churches, slight progress on which Vazgen was able to build.

With all the problems at home, Vazgen immediately set off on an extended journey to the Middle East and Europe — a journey that remains controversial to this day. The ostensible reason was to try to prevent the election of an unfavoured candidate as Catholicos of the rival (and mostly anti-Soviet) Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia, based in Antilias, near Beirut. Vazgen was unsuccessful but had key meetings on his travels with President Nasser of Egypt (then being wooed by the Soviets) and President Coty of France. Although the tour was clearly in the interests of the Soviet state, Vazgen did succeed in giving himself a more prominent international status than his predecessor had ever enjoyed — and thereby strengthened his hand in negotiations with the Soviet authorities, who recognised the powerful influence the Catholicos could have on the diaspora Armenian community.

On his return he was immediately received by the Soviet Premier, Nikolai Bulganin, in Moscow. It was at this May 1956 meeting that Vazgen in effect worked out a *modus vivendi* for his Church: acceptance of the Soviet system in return for a higher profile for the Church within Armenia and freer ties with the diaspora Church. In an unprecedented move for a religious group in the Soviet Union, Vazgen was allowed to receive financial contributions from overseas Armenians. This improved status did not spare the Church from Khrushchev's anti-religious campaign of 1959-64, which saw the closure of one-third of the Armenian churches, leaving just 32 open places of worship for the Armenian Church in the entire Soviet Union.

Vazgen used these years to rebuild ties with the Catholicosate of Cilicia and to undertake further visits to overseas Armenian communities. In 1962 he took his Church into the World Council of Churches, jointly with the Cilicia jurisdiction. Vazgen also forged close ties with the Vatican, travelling to Rome for a historic meeting with Pope Paul VI in May 1970, and with the Anglican Church, building on his 1956 meeting with Archbishop Fisher at Lambeth Palace. He welcomed the *Archbishop of Canterbury, Donald* Coggan, to Echmiadzin in 1977 and visited Coggan's successor, Robert Runcie, in 1983, a visit that was returned by George Carey last year.

Vazgen was adept at using his birthdays or major Church events as a means of bettering the Church's position and prestige. His 60th birthday was the occasion for a major celebration, when he received a high decoration from the chairman of the praesidium of the Armenian Supreme Soviet, who praised him as always having "served the Armenian people and our fatherland, Soviet Armenia".

Despite these public accolades, he had the private humiliation of having his every action checked by the Soviet authorities. On one occasion he was rapped over the knuckles for having brought back from abroad anti-Soviet books published by Armenian émigrés.

Vazgen ignored appeals from dissidents in the 1970s to speak up for human rights and national independence and, when glasnost allowed such questions again to be discussed towards the later 1980s, he was very cautious.

Perhaps foreseeing the fragility of any independence for Armenia (mindful of the Armenians' defencelessness in the face of the Turkish massacres of 1915), he stressed that Armenians had traditionally sought protection from other powers. He saw in Moscow the best realistic hope for a secure future. However, with the rising tide of nationalism connected with the Armenians' call for Nagorno-Karabakh to be returned to Armenian jurisdiction, Vazgen had to go along with the prevailing mood.

When the conflict sharpened after February 1988, Vazgen was accused by many people of having betrayed his people. But he was firm in his attempts to keep religion out of the struggle with the Muslim Azeris. More than once he met the head of the Azeri Muslim community, Sheikh Allahshukur Pasha Zade, in a bid to defuse religious tensions.

The late 1980s also saw another bitter blow to the Armenian nation with the December 1988 earthquake which devastated Spitak and Leninakan. Vazgen was in the forefront of collecting aid money from Armenians abroad and from the international community.

In 1989 he was elected to the *Congress of People's Deputies* from Echmiadzin constituency, one of four clergymen elected (with a further three nominated by public bodies). But this Congress did not serve out its term and in 1991, in the wake of the Moscow coup, Armenia became a rather reluctant independent state, at war with its neighbour Azerbaijan, blockaded by Turkey and reduced to poverty. It was in these difficult conditions that the Church had to rebuild its life in the post-Communist era.

Vazgen was a quiet, scholarly man who guided the Church as best he could through the difficult years of Soviet rule. He played on the strength the Church could deploy through its influence in the Armenian diaspora to good effect, though many were uneasy at the more blatantly pro-Soviet statements he felt obliged to utter. But with a wider historical sense he believed this to be in the interests of his people. He took his responsibilities as "father of the nation" very seriously, but he also had a wry sense of humour. Asked his advice by one Russian journalist on how people should live, he replied: "If you want to sleep well and feel good, live honestly."

SHLOMO ZABLUDOWICZ

Shlomo Zabludowicz, Finnish arms manufacturer and industrialist, died on August 8 aged 79. He was born in Lodz, Poland, in 1915.



A GREAT survivor in more senses than one, Shlomo Zabludowicz was one of the world's last private arms manufacturers.

He was born of a rabbinical family in Lodz, Poland, and his parents, seven brothers and sisters all perished in the Holocaust. Only he survived. He was sent to a rehabilitation camp in Sweden. There he met Pola, another Holocaust survivor, also of Polish extraction. They went to Israel the year the State was founded, married, and a short time later returned to Scandinavia. Zabludowicz established their home in Finland, in the industrial town of Tampere, near where the gigantic Finnish weapons plant, Tampella, producing paper, textiles and also some of the world's best mortars, was based.

This was where Zabludowicz's vision began. By the early 1950s, he had formed ties with the Israeli industrial conglomerate, Sollel-Boneh, and in that way introduced Tampella to Israel. All he had at the time were connections — no capital and no financial backing.

Zabludowicz brought Finnish industrial know-how to Israel and formed a joint venture bringing Sollel Boneh and Tampella together as Soltam. Over the next thirty years, when most arms markets were closed to the Jewish state, Zabludowicz was a mainstay of the Israeli security industry, using a mixture of determined lobbying and business acumen — together with his Finnish nationality — to breach the embargoes. From an initial 80 workers, the plant expanded to employ 180, while in its heyday, in the mid-1970s, it had a payroll of 2,500.

In the course of time, Soltam became a partnership between the Israeli industrial conglomerate, Koor, and Zabludowicz. Soltam manufactured cannon and mortars. In the 1960s and 1970s the world thirsted for weapons, and Zabludowicz, licensed and approved by the Israel government and dealing direct only with other governments, travelled the world to supply their needs. He was fluent in English, Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish, Finnish, Swedish and German and his exports eventually aggregated some two billion dollars.

Shimon Peres dubbed him "Columbus" for having opened up new lands to Israeli industry. He sold mortars to the Iranians and got to know the Iranian military top brass. The Iranians always gave him a VIP welcome until the fall of the Shah brought the relationship to an abrupt end.

As early as 1958 Zabludowicz was persuading the Federal German Army to use Israeli-manufactured weaponry. The purchases aroused in him bitter memories but it gave him a profound satisfaction. When news of the arms deals with Bonn leaked, a political scandal broke out in Israel, almost toppling Ben-Gurion's government. But for Zabludowicz, his Holocaust story had come full circle.

During their trips to Austria, he and his son Poju would stay at Vienna's Imperial Hotel, where the Nazis had had their biggest headquarters. Zabludowicz insisted on hiring the hotel's biggest suite. "Hitler doesn't live here any more," he would say. "But I do."

The arms deals with Germany were Soltam's bread and butter. Once, dining with a German general, Zabludowicz introduced himself as a Finn and was forced to listen as the German maligned the Jews. Then he got to his feet and, to the party's astonishment, demanded that the general apologise. Later, the two men did business, forming a profound friendship.

Zabludowicz's successes extended to countries that maintained neither diplomatic nor commercial ties with Israel. He gained admittance to Indonesian aristocratic circles, dined at the table of the Filipino President, Fidel Ramos, sold merchandise to Malaysia, struck up a friendship with Indira Gandhi, who had India equipped with Soltam artillery, and became a friend of Dr Go, a former Minister of Defence of Singapore.

After years of attempting to break into the American market, Zabludowicz succeeded, in 1988, in persuading the Pentagon to equip its forces with Israeli mortars. The Tampella mortars are now a mainstay of the US army.

But by the early 1980s the world weapons market had begun to weaken. Demand plummeted and factories were stuck with huge piles of weapons. With the world looking towards peace and stability, the defence blocs were melting. Long before this, however, Zabludowicz had divested himself from defence and established factories manufacturing saucepans and construction equipment in Scandinavia. He also invested heavily in hotels and property on both sides of the Atlantic. In the spring of 1989, differences between Koor and Zabludowicz came to a head. A compromise agreement was reached whereby he left Soltam and acquired ownership of the international marketing firm of Salgad.

Shlomo Zabludowicz was a man of contradictions: manufacturer and seller of arms, but on the other hand, a man of great compassion. The charitable trust set up in his name has contributed many millions of dollars to numerous causes throughout the world. He leaves his widow, their son and daughter.

DOROTHY GRENFELL WILLIAMS

Dorothy Grenfell Williams, former Head of the BBC African Service, died of cancer at her home in Petersham on August 11 aged 60. She was born on April 4, 1934.



AN UNSUNG heroine of the BBC, Dorothy Grenfell Williams was a talented programme-maker and charismatic leader, much of whose long Bush House career was devoted to the African Service. In a remarkable example of family continuity she rose to become its head, a post previously held by her father. Her warm and friendly voice produced an instant rapport and was familiar to BBC radio listeners across Africa.

Dorothy Louise Grenfell Williams was born in Johnannesburg but was brought to England with her family from South Africa at the age of three. From South Hampstead High School for Girls she won a scholarship to Newnham College, Cambridge, becoming a prominent member of a glittering Cambridge generation. With some apprehension she started off by reading economics but, finding this unappealing, switched to English which better suited her temperament.

On leaving Cambridge in 1955 she joined the BBC as a trainee studio manager and went on to become a producer and broadcaster with the African Service. In 1965 she transferred for a while to television at Lime Grove where, with Cliff Michelmore as anchorman of *Tonight*, she joined the team of interviewers and briefly became a household face.

But it was to Bush House and Africa that her heart belonged. As a producer with the BBC African Service she was particularly associated with a number of innovative programmes which she helped to develop: *Good Morning Africa*, *Focus on Africa* and *Network Africa* (with its "Dear Dorothy" slot, in which she offered help and advice to listeners).

She was forever seeking new approaches. Few other producers would have considered serialising an Africanised *Duchess of Malfi* in successive three-and-a-half-minute instalments. When spending a brief spell with the BBC's Topical Tapes department, she came up with the idea of a dramatised account of the *Eatanswill* election from *The Pickwick Papers* as the best background series for an impending British general election.

Maternity meant a ten-year career break, although she continued to work as an outside contributor. She returned full-time to the African Service in 1978 and a few years later she was persuaded, at first with some reluctance, to take a temporary appointment with the World Service's directorate management team.

This proved a watershed in her career. It coincided with a an assignment to chair a group looking at how to increase the proportion of women in senior management. She found she had a natural aptitude for management and, as a passionate believer in equal opportunities, she recognised she could encourage other women to return from a career break and, where appropriate, resume their progress upwards within the Corporation.

Her own life reflected this. She spent the last phase of her career extremely fruitfully first as assistant head and then, from 1988, as head of the African Service. Over the next six years until her retirement just three months ago she developed the programming, attracted new listeners, especially among the young and among women, set clear objectives for the staff and looked after them with care and compassion. Her way of leading a team was, a colleague once said, "best described as the firestorm approach as all around her are sucked into the whirlwind". Her booming laugh frequently filled Bush House corridors and meeting rooms and her enthusiasm and enjoyment were ever apparent.

Dorothy Grenfell Williams was married twice, first in 1957 to John Allen, a Cambridge contemporary who was brought from Transport House into the Cabinet Office when Harold Wilson became Prime Minister in 1964. This marriage, however, subsequently broke up. In 1971 she married her second husband, Geoffry Powell, one of the architectural partnership responsible for the Barbican development.

She is survived by her second husband, their son and two step-daughters.

SIR ALLAN DAVIS

Sir Allan Davis, GBE, accountant and former Lord Mayor of London, died on August 14 aged 73. He was born on June 19, 1921.



ALLAN DAVIS was generally considered to have been one of the most successful and highly regarded Lord Mayors of London for very many years. His service to the City in a variety of capacities was impressive and throughout a long career combining profession and business with public service he remained delightfully modest and unassuming.

William Allan Davis came from Scots Roman Catholic stock and was educated at Cardinal Vaughan School, Kensington, leaving it in 1939 at the age of 18 to enter Barclays Bank. A year later he was in the RNVR training to be a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm, in which capacity he served for the duration of the Second World War.

Married to Pamela Louch in August 1944, he qualified as an accountant after demobilisation and began a career, first in accountancy and then, combining his profession with a number of directorships, in business. His public service began with membership of the Court of Common Council for the City of London in 1971, and was followed by election as Alderman for the Ward of Cripplegate five years later, an office from which he retired on reaching the age of 70 in 1991.

By tradition, the Lord Mayor of London has to be an Alderman and to have served previously as Sheriff. For a variety of reasons the field of choice became dangerously limited and in 1982 the unprecedented step was taken of passing over the lay Sheriff and appointing two Aldermen as Sheriffs for the year. The manoeuvre was much resented by those who had an eye on the office of lay Sheriff and there might have been serious repercussions if the usurping second Alderman had been anyone other than Allan Davis. He was so much admired and respected that the storm quickly subsided and his choice to serve with Alderman Alan Traill was widely approved. Each then became Lord Mayor, Traill in 1984-85 and Davis in 1985-86. On taking office Allan Davis was created GBE.

Among the various charities he supported, Davis was for ten years a trustee, chairman and vice-president of Research into Ageing. Tall and distinguished in appearance and softly spoken in manner, he remained devoutly faithful to the Roman Catholic Church and enjoyed the admiration of a host of friends. He was a diabetic and had a heart problem, and for the last few years his health had deteriorated. Recently, however, he had appeared to make a good recovery.

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New Zealand is not without responsibility in this matter: as the Governor-General of the Dominion is, by Order-in-Council of the British Government, Governor of the Ross Dependency, which extends to the South Pole, and New Zealand receives whaling licence fees and royalties on the oil taken. In 1925-26 the receipts from this source amounted to £2,412. The whale oil taken in that year exceeded 1,500,000 gallons.

Last session the New Zealand Legislative Council asked the Government to impress upon the British Government the necessity of curtailing the whale fisheries in the Antarctic. This session attention was again called to the subject in the Legislative Council by Mr. G. M. Thomson, who has made a particular study of fisheries and marine life. Mr. Thomson said that the British Government was aware of the danger of the destruction of whales and had sent the Discovery to investigate. The Discovery had gone to the seas of South Georgia and the Falkland Islands, where the destruction of whales was worse than in the Ross Sea.

Some five years ago the British Government gave to a Norwegian company the privilege of whale-fishing in the Ross Sea. Last summer this company sent down two store ships, each accompanied by five whale chasers. These chasers are speedy motor-driven craft, able to hunt down and dispatch the swift-moving rorqual whales. They operate from the store-ship, which is a base and also a factory, equipped to extract the oil from the whale carcasses. One store-ship returned to her base a few months ago with 22,734 barrels of oil, the product of 264 whales. The oil from one whale alone—a monster 125ft. long—was valued at over £1,000. It would seem, therefore, that the hardships and perils of whale-chasing in the Antarctic are not without compensations. The second store-ship, at the time her partner left, had 40,000 barrels of oil. Together the two ships would account for 500 or 600 whales.

A second Norwegian whaling expedition, Mr. Thomson stated, had made its headquarters at Hobart (Tasmania) and was fishing in the Ross Sea without a permit. It had been stated that the unlicensed whalers fished on equal terms with the others so long as they kept out of territorial waters, but among icefields and icebergs it was mostly a matter of conjecture where the three-mile limit began and ended.

Mr. Thomson held that if 2,000 or 3,000 whales were taken around South Georgia and 700 to 1,000 in the Ross Sea each season the numbers would quickly diminish. About 120 years ago the coast of the South Island of New Zealand was teeming with seals and allied animals. In the course of 25 or 30 years the animals were practically exterminated. Fifty years ago right whales and sperm whales were plentiful, but hardly any of either species were now met. It was probable that the same result would follow the wholesale taking of rorqual whales in the Antarctic.

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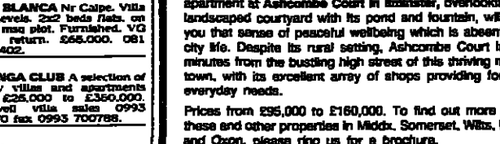
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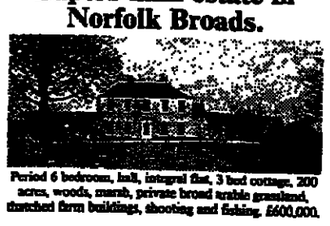
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Welcome to the ideal home

Some properties are selling within hours of coming on to the market. Rachel Kelly on what makes a perfect 1990s house



Easy sale: within two weeks of coming on to the market, this Grade II*-listed manor in Buckinghamshire went for "comfortably more" than the £450,000 guide price

A two-tier housing market is developing: top-quality houses are commanding premium prices and selling within days, while a rump of unexceptional homes is proving difficult to sell.

In the process, an ideal 1990s house has emerged in both town and country. If ideal, your house will sell within days, if not hours. If not, you can expect to take six months to sell.

Estate agents say the division between the 1990s ideal home and the ordinary has never been more pronounced. Harry Hill, managing director of Hambro Countrywide, one of Britain's top estate agency chains, says: "If a house is good quality and attractive — be it a Georgian rectory or a cottage with roses round the door — and sensibly priced, it will sell quickly and at a premium. But the great mass of housing which moved very well in the late 1980s is moving slowly."

The 1980s urgency to secure a place on the housing ladder, whatever the type of property, has disappeared, agents say. Mr Hill says that about 10 to 15 per cent of the housing stock is selling quickly, easily and for good prices. This success is masked by average figures for sales and prices which have shown a slow-down in the market over the past two months.

In London, Winkworth, London's largest chain of estate agents which sells all types of property, and John D. Wood, which specialises in the top end of the market, have helped to identify the 1990s ideal town house which ensures an easy sale and premium price.

In the 1980s, Victorian houses were at a premium; now, buyers prefer Georgian property in London, says Hilary Wade, of Winkworth. "The ideal is a combination of good proportions, high ceilings and the original features preserved but kept low-key. These are combined with sophisticated and state-of-the-art accessories."

Out have gone Smallbone kitchens with wooden work-tops and billowing chintz curtains. In their stead are kitchens with granite worktops and windows dressed with blinds. Out have gone brass taps, shiny brass light fittings, candy-stripe wallpaper, anything by Laura Ashley, pastel colours, rag-rolled and sponged paint-effect walls, Austrian blinds, painted cornicing and coffee tables covered with glossy magazines.

In favour are unpainted wood surfaces, including wooden floorboards, sash windows with working shutters rather than curtains, speakers built into the ceiling, orchids, plain and unpainted cast-iron grates and high-tech low-voltage lighting.

Bathrooms should be classical, with high-tech chrome fittings: chrome extendable shaving mirrors, high-tech pump systems, heated towel rails and chrome or disguised radiators. Swimming pools, spa baths, bathroom suites with heart-shaped baths and bidets are all 1980s.

She says that ideal 1990s locations are Notting Hill, Kensington or Knightsbridge, where family homes in good condition have been selling very quickly and showing 10 to 15 per cent price rises since Christmas. A house in Portland Close, Notting Hill, was on the market for £395,000 but sold for £430,000.

George Pope, from John D. Wood, says that while the Boltons, the Phillimore Estate, Chelsea, Belgravia, Regent's Park and St John's Wood remain prime areas, the Leasehold Reform Act (by which leaseholders can force their freeholders to extend their lease or sell them the freehold) has meant that bits of Belgravia, Wilton Crescent and Chester Square have become ideal 1990s locations, especially for people from abroad who had previously avoided leasehold property. Savills also notes the popularity of Mayfair in the 1990s. "There has been a certain trend against commuting and a desire to have property in the centre of London," Sarah Pridgeon of Savills says.

Wandsworth has also emerged as a prime 1990s spot. "I think Wandsworth has become established in the true sense," Mr Pope says. "Certain private schools have become established recently and there are excellent family houses with large gardens, a 1990s priority." John D. Wood recently sold Spencer Park for more than £1 million, the first £1 million-plus home ever sold in Wandsworth.

Savills, Knight Frank & Rutley and John D. Wood have defined the 1990s ideal country house. Patrick Ramsay, from Knight Frank & Rutley, says the most desirable home is now a pretty period property, with up to six bedrooms and five acres, in or on the edge of a village to the south and west of London.

"I could sell 100 of those in the next week," he says. He cites the example of a Grade II*-listed manor house in Princes Risborough in Buckinghamshire, which was sold within two weeks of coming on to the market for "comfortably more" than the £450,000 guide price.

Gone are the trophy country houses of the 1980s, Mr Ramsay says, with their long drives and over-sized proportions. "In the 1980s, people were prepared to be overhoused. The size of the house and the grounds did not matter.

"People now want the pretty family house that is not massive and we've noted a great increase in the number of people who want to be on the edge of a village."

Practicality has overtaken grandeur as a prime motive for buying in the country, agents say. Privacy is also at a premium, Geoffrey van Cutsem, managing director of Savills, says. "People like to keep a low profile. The 1980s house was more glitzy and therefore more eye-catching." Many more big sales are being made privately in the 1990s than they were in the 1980s.

In terms of location, the big 1990s sales are being made to the west of London, Mr van Cutsem says. Such houses now command a premium over houses in East Anglia. "The £1-million house in East Anglia is rare, whereas it is comparatively commonplace in Savills' market west of London."

Docklands sees light at end of the tunnel

Office lets and house sales are up in the East End of London

House prices are rising and office lets are increasing in London's Docklands after more than four years of recession.

In the 12 months to the end of March, 800,000 sq ft of office space was let, the biggest annual total since 1987 and 50 per cent more than in the previous two years combined.

Another 500,000 sq ft has been let since January, and there are firm inquiries for another one million sq ft, Mike Bignell, head of property development at the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC), says.

But there are still about five million sq ft of empty commerical office space left, mainly on the Isle of Dogs at the Canary Wharf development. Now owned by a group of banks, Canary Wharf is more than 50 per cent let with tenants including Mirror Group Newspapers, Crédit Suisse First Boston and Texaco.

The housing market is picking up, with Barratt Homes selling homes faster than it can complete them at its riverside Sovereign View housing development next to the former Surrey Docks. Three-quarters of the homes have been sold, with 25 being sold to a single Hong Kong investor.

Barratt plans another £11 million development of 83 luxury flats at Pageant Steps, while the Berkeley Group is planning to build ten town houses on a quarter-acre riverside site at Bermondsey.

House prices are still down by about 20 per cent from the late-1980s peak, but they are up 15 per cent since the autumn of 1992, the LDDC says. Agents say there is little availability of new property, especially desirable flats with river views. The LDDC confirmed that builders sold 700 new private-sector homes in the first six months of this year, leaving 31 new units unoccupied, compared with an unsold stock of 1,500 new homes in 1989 and 1990.

Buyers are encouraged by Docklands' improved transport links, especially the recently completed Limehouse Link road, which provides a dual carriageway connection into the City, and the improved reliability of the Docklands Light Railway.

RACHEL KELLY

Learning the Dutch for sheltered housing

The Dutch are good at caring for the elderly. A British group has taken note and built Bradeley Village

When George Rock saw a sheltered housing scheme on a visit to The Netherlands 30 years ago he thought it such a good idea that he wished aloud that there were some in Britain. Now at 74, his wish is being granted in his own town, Stoke-on-Trent, where Staffordshire Housing Association has built an experimental £9-million complex for over-55s. Mr Rock will be among the first to move in.

By coincidence, the inspiration for Bradeley Village came from the Dutch, who are streets ahead of Britain in providing for the elderly. Stewart Shaw, the housing association's chief executive, visited The Netherlands several times to learn from their experience.

The result is a development of 180 one and two-bedroom flats for 232 people under one roof, built on five acres of land. Bradeley is thought to be the biggest sheltered housing scheme in Britain. But it is more than just homes with resident staff — it has carpeted "streets" with ample seating under glazed atria, giving common areas where residents can mix and chat.

Facilities in the "village" centre will include a grocer's shop, hairdresser, library, medical room, coffee shop and laundry area. A social club is also provided, along with a hobbies room and several rooms for meetings or activities generated by "villagers". Outside are landscaped gardens.

The average rent is £52 a week and the weekly service charge will be about £15, comparatively low because the project enjoys economies of scale. People who have pets will be able to keep them as long as they do not trouble other residents.

Most significantly, while most housing for the elderly takes responsibility away from them, the running of Bradeley will be largely left to residents. "The idea is that they will form a non-profit-making committee," Mr Shaw says. "They will run a coffee shop and bar and decide how they spend the money they make from that. We're going to ask them to set up a co-operative to run the corner shop. We've provided spaces and rooms that they can use as they wish.

"But the building is large enough to hide in. This is not a holiday camp; the apartments are self-contained and residents don't have to take part."

Residents will be well represented on the village's management board, which will be supported and advised by the housing association's staff.

The project has been underwritten by the Britannia Building Society, while £5.6 million came from the Housing Corporation; Stoke City Council provided the land for £1.

"The need was in this particular area of the city which has a large proportion of three-bedroom family council houses occupied by older people whose families have grown up," Mr Shaw says. Sure enough, two-thirds of its new residents are presently in council housing, the other third being owner-occupiers, housing association tenants and people living with their families.

Mr Rock and his wife Olga live in a three-bedroom council house, and will move to a one-bedroom flat. "It will be much safer and more secure, a comfort for my wife, and easier to manage," Mr Rock says.

They will be joined at Bradeley by Jean Phillipos, 68, who lives in a two-bedroom house on nearby Chellheath, an estate of 750 council houses where she has chaired the estate management board.

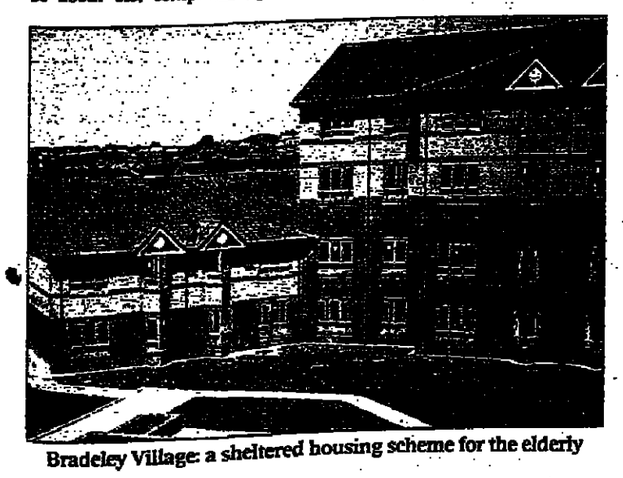
"This project is a really good idea. I was sold on it when I went on a guided tour," Mrs Phillipos, who was made an MBE last year, says. "On our estate we've got young, old and middle-aged and sometimes there's bound to be a clash. But people over 55 have the same outlook. It sounds as if it stands a good chance of gelling.

"It means there'll be that extra support if you do need it and extra security which is important. If people get lonely they'll only have to take the lift downstairs to see people sitting on the concourse and there will be all kinds of things happening — bingo, sequence dancing or Scrabble."

Mr Shaw hopes Bradeley will be a model scheme, and has already been invited to talk about it in Canada. Some of his ideas came from Dutch housing associations which oversee village projects for the elderly throughout The Netherlands.

"We've refined their ideas and put them in the context of British social housing," he says. "We're behind the times in the UK. The Dutch are humanists and believe that people should be given freedom, respect and responsibility to run their own lives. That's what we're attempting here."

CHRISTINE WEBB



Bradeley Village: a sheltered housing scheme for the elderly

Divide and multiply

Too big to keep in the family, historic houses are being turned into apartments

HISTORIC country houses have long been under threat from the owners' lack of funds. Since the war, division has been one way of keeping families at home in such buildings by creating a house with all the advantages of a stately home — magnificent reception rooms and settings — and none of the disadvantages, such as upkeep costs and too many bedrooms.

However, the Historic Houses Association says that in the past 20 years more than 450 of these houses have been sold, mainly for institutional use, with less than a quarter being retained as family homes.

The secret of success is for the division to be done in such a way that the character of the building and architecture is retained. A good crop of such homes is now on the market.

The Bishop's Folly, Much Hadham in Hertfordshire, an 18th-century listed house attached to the original Bishop's Palace, was one of the first country houses to be split up in the 1950s. After the palace ceased to be used by the bishops in the 1900s it had been both a girls' school and a psychiatric home. It was then converted into several flats and a seven-bedroom house with its own enclosed garden of nearly two acres. Tony Mullucks, of Mullucks Wells and Associates, is now selling the house and says: "This an opportunity to acquire a portion of a truly historic building." The house is up for sale through Mullucks Wells of Bishop's Stortford for £345,000.

Alan Thompson, project manager for Country and Metropolitan Heritage Homes, is converting Meredith Place, Effingham, Surrey, into four homes. "By putting a building into multiple occupancy we hope we are guaranteeing its upkeep for ever.

"We try to leave virtually untouched any principle rooms, making bathrooms in corridors and passageways. A vertical division is preferable and this house was easy as it splits into four wings. We try to bring out the architectural features and copy and restore any which are damaged."

Meredith Place is a Grade II-listed 19th-century mansion which became a school for the blind in 1928 and four years later was purchased by Surrey County Council. It has remained in institutional use for more than 50 years.

The condition of the house had deteriorated over that time, but Country and Metropolitan, together with the architect Michael Wilson, have restored the oak panelling, carved oak fireplaces, painted ceilings and triple height gallery with glazed atrium in one of the dining rooms.

The four houses have three to five bedrooms and large gardens, divided just by soft plantings. One has already sold and the remaining three are on the market through Knight Frank & Rutley for £300,000 to £500,000 for a 1,000-year lease.

In Northamptonshire, Ecton Hall just east of Northampton was neglected for many years. It was vandalised and became the home of squatters. In 1986, Period Property Investments plc, a company specialising in the restoration of important historic buildings, rescued the 18th-century Grade II*-listed hall and converted it into 12 apartments.

Jackson-Stops & Staff is now selling one of the flats on the first floor for £138,000. This has a drawing room with galleries, dining area, three bedrooms and use of the communal gardens and grounds.

IN CHIPPENHAM, Wiltshire, the Ivy, a Grade I-listed baroque mansion, was saved in 1981 by Julian Bannerman, a Scotsman who adored baroque and took it upon himself to restore it and divide it into three.

Pevsner described the house as "perhaps the most important if not the most perfect house in Chippenham".

John D. Wood and Dreweatt Neate are selling two of the homes — the west wing, which has five bedrooms, wine cellar and south-facing garden, for £265,000, and the main portion of the building, with its six bedrooms, garden, four acres of grounds and lake, for £350,000.

Not all conversions go smoothly. Bliss Mill, a wool and tweed factory near Chipping Norton in Oxfordshire, had a troubled start when it was first converted, with two developers going under during the renovations.

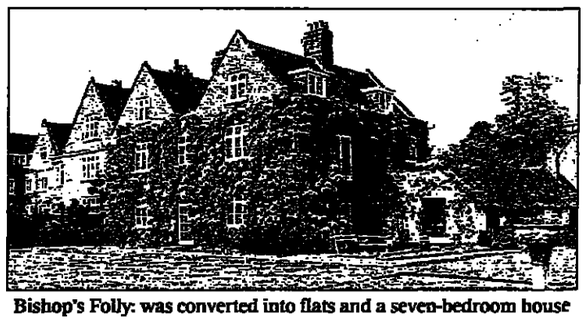
It is now in the hands of the receiver, Coopers & Lybrand, which took over in September. The firm has completed the development and adjusted prices, putting some up and others down. Out of 46 units, 21 now remain. Savills is selling these from £90,000 up to £198,000.

Bradfield Hall, in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, is an example of a conversion which did not sell well when launched. This was because the market was beginning to dive and although it is in an idyllic location, with lake and sheep grazing next door, it is too far from London for commuting.

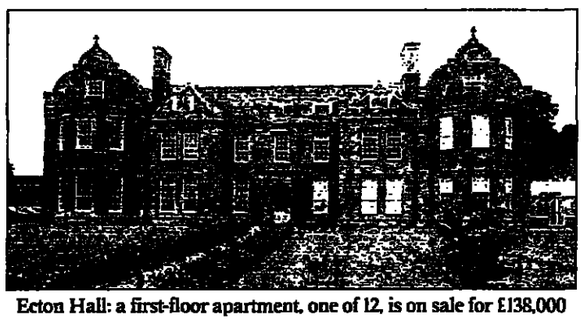
The Hall was the dream of the developer Peter Barrett, who converted the 18th-century flint and brick building in the late 1980s and took over the best flat for himself. He built a swimming pool, tennis courts and had plans for stables and helipad.

Savills is now selling the converted barns and cottages from £65,000, and the flats in the main house will be marketed in the autumn.

MARY WILSON



Bishop's Folly: was converted into flats and a seven-bedroom house



Ecton Hall: a first-floor apartment, one of 12, is on sale for £138,000



The Ivy: a Grade I-listed baroque mansion admired by Pevsner

The Times Degree Vacancies Service: Day One

A second chance to shine

As university clearing gets under way, **John O'Leary** points to the winners and losers of the admissions system and introduces the unique *Times* guide

Four hectic weeks that will make or break the aspirations of thousands of young people start today with the opening of university clearing.

The process, which matches disappointed applicants for higher education with the remaining vacancies, is always unpredictable. Last year, an expected shortfall was only averted late in September, when new universities and colleges recruited at least 10,000 extra students.

This summer, opinion is equally divided on the prospects for those still seeking a degree place. Almost exactly the same number of candidates are chasing a similar number of places, but record A-level pass rates, a new admissions system and tighter controls on recruitment are all muddying the waters.

Having set their sights higher than usual in making this year's offers, many admissions tutors have been trying to fill their places without resorting to clearing. Applicants who narrowly missed their grades have been taken in preference to those who applied elsewhere initially.

However, when yesterday's deadline passed for registering courses for clearing, most universities and colleges were represented. Even some, like Warwick University, which did not feature last year, had a few places in the system.

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service reported more courses registered, but stressed that this did not necessarily mean more places. Some of the modular degree schemes in new universities divide students into extremely small groups. East London University, for example, placed more than 350 courses in clearing.

Even if there are fewer places available over the next month, the number filled already — more than last year — should ease the competition. The listings on these pages show clearly that there are opportunities in most areas for those who act quickly and are realistic about their choice of course.

Even the most popular subjects, such as English and law, are still open in some new universities and colleges, although the number of places will be limited. Many of the courses in today's arts and social science listing are likely to be full within a week.

The science courses, which are the focus of tomorrow's coverage will be slower to fill, but swift action will still be required to secure a place on popular programmes. Many of the engineering and technology courses, which will be listed on Friday, are likely to have vacancies throughout clearing.

Admissions tutors are expecting the early part of clearing to be especially frantic this year, as the single admissions system for both new and old universities speeds up the process. They are advising applicants to make the earliest possible approach to avoid disappointment.

Last year's experience suggested that aspiring students are heavily influenced by media speculation about the state of clearing. Predictions of a serious squeeze on arts places almost brought the process to a standstill in 1993. Only when some new universities launched expensive advertising campaigns to assure applicants that places were still available did recruitment pick up again.

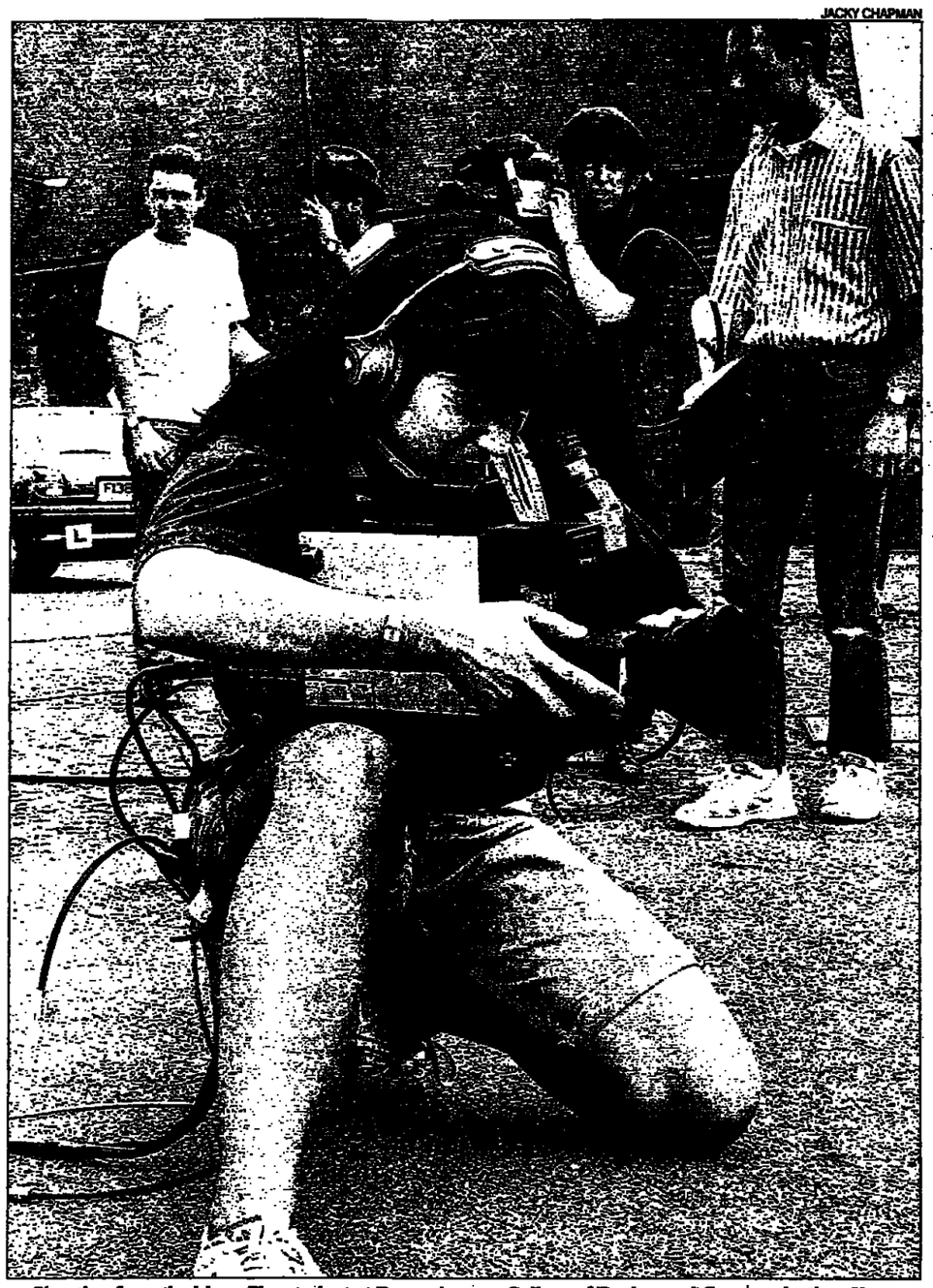
Universities' room for manoeuvre will be more restricted this year because of the financial penalties they would face for overrecruiting. But the institutions have gone out of their way to calm fears of a repeat of last year's panic.

Numerous hotlines are operating and vacancies are being advertised on television as well as in newspapers. Local authority careers services are also operating extra services to advise students on courses.

Many institutions will be open over the Bank Holiday weekend, and some are running open days at which applicants can sign up for courses on the spot. More candidates are expected to visit campuses in the new clearing system, in an attempt to put their case.

Officials at UCAS were confident of a relatively smooth operation yesterday. About half of those who went into clearing found a place in 1993, and a similar strike rate is likely this year.

JACKY CHAPMAN



Shooting from the hip: a film student at Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication, Kent

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

The nuts and bolts of clearing

As ever, the four-week clearing season will be frenetic as both universities and candidates scramble for a dwindling number of places. But the message for students is clear: be persistent and you will win through in clearing.

Tony Higgins, chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas), says: "Vacancies change minute-by-minute, so the harder you try the more likely you are to find yourself at the right place at the right time." Last year more than 44,000 people found places through clearing.

The first and most important step for candidates who have missed out on their first and insurance choice universities is to assemble as much information as possible. All candidates who either missed their grades or failed to get a university offer will automatically be sent instructions for clearing and an entry form (Cef) or "passport". You should receive these shortly. The passport has a six-digit number preceded by a C for clearing in the top right-hand corner. Universities will ask for this number before they deal with you when you telephone.

However, do not wait for your passport before you start making preparations. Steal a march on the competition by pouring over the newspaper advertisements for courses. Consult prospectuses and reference books for alternative courses whose entry requirements you meet. Careers advisers will help you flesh out the options.

The Times will prove a vital source of information for everyone through clearing. From today it is the only newspaper providing a daily listing service detailing vacancies subject-by-subject. Tomorrow, the newspaper will publish science vacancies, with engineering and technology on Friday, and arts and social sciences again on Saturday. The subject vacancies will rotate daily over the following weeks.

After studying the lists, applicants should start ringing admissions tutors directly. Be ready with your grades and passport number. Listen carefully. Only send your Cef form to the university or college when the tutor makes a formal commitment. Either take the form yourself or send it by first-class post to the admissions tutor with a self-addressed envelope stamped first-class. Speed is important. While your form is with the university, you can't apply elsewhere.

Some universities say they will be able to process applications made in person within a day. By post, it is likely to take up to a week. If you do trust the post, and you don't get a quick response, ring again. Time is vital and you should not let tutors sit on your application form. Keep asking them what is happening to it. Are they going to make you an offer?

If the institution decides to make a definite offer it will write to you directly. Check the details carefully to ensure the course is the one you wanted. If you accept the offer, the university will complete part two of your Cef and return it to Ucas. When Ucas confirms, you are no longer in clearing and cannot change your mind and apply elsewhere.

If you decline the offer, your Cef will be returned and you are back to square one. If you are rejected, it is worth considering applying to a less popular subject or institution. Higher National Diploma courses have lower entry requirements and many allow bright students to switch to equivalent degree courses after the first year.

Remember, universities need students and will always compete for the best. Do not be rushed into a hasty acceptance.

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ALPHABETICAL SUBJECT GUIDE TO DEGREE COURSES IN THE ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

ACCOUNTANCY
Salford: NN34, TN94
Aberystwyth: GN54 (18), GN14 (18), FN34 (18), N400 (20), LN14 (18)
Anglia: N420, N421
Buckingham: NN43 (12), N4N3 (12), N4L1 (12), G5N4 (10)
Glamorgan: N420
Greenwich: N400, N401
Gwent Coll: NN14, MN34, NN34
Heriot-Watt: NN34 (18).
Huddersfield: N400
UCE: N400 (16), Y400 (14), L1N4 (14)
Middlesex: N420, Y400
Napier: N400
Newcastle: N400 (18), NM43 (20), LN14 (18), NG45 (16), NG41 (16), NG44 (16)
Robert Gordon: N420
South Bank: GN54, GN14, N420
Teesside: N420, NM43
UCL: NT42
UWE: N420
Wolverhampton: N420
Kingston: N420 (14), MN34 (16)
Southampton: NL41 (20), NL13 (20)
Southampton Inst: N400, NM43.
Dundee: GN54 (12), GN14 (12), N400 (16).
Kent: N400 (16)
Humberside: N420 (14).
Sheffield Hallam: N400.
North London: N420, N421
Thames Valley: N420, NM43 NM41
Hertfordshire: N400, GN54.
Paisley: N400
Nene Coll: N420
Guildhall: N400, Y400

AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES
Kent: TV91.
Middlesex: Y400
West London Inst: Q4W1, QWN1, Q4G5, QW44, FQ94, QQ34, Q4W5, LQ84, FQ64, QV41, QX48, QW43, QV49, QX4V
Wolverhampton: Y600

ANCIENT HISTORY
Birmingham: VVC6 (20)
London, RH: Q808 (18)

ANTHROPOLOGY
Kent: L600 (16)

ARABIC
Westminster: RT16, RT26, RT36, RT86, RT46, TQ61, QT36
Leeds: T626 (18)
SOAS: T620 (22), T644 (22)

ARCHAEOLOGY
Birmingham: VVC6 (20)
Liverpool: V602 (14), V6B1 (14)
Westminster: V602 (18).
Bournemouth: V600
SOAS: LV86 (14), V620 (14)

ARCHITECTURE
Anglia: K100
Greenwich: K100
Heriot-Watt: K100 (22)
Huddersfield: K100
Newcastle: K100 (18)
Robert Gordon: K100, K199
South Bank: K100, H2K1
Teesside: V480
UCE: K100
Kingston: K100 (10).
Humberside: K100 (12).
Westminster: K100, K236.
North London: K100
Kent Inst: K100,
Glasgow: K100

ART & DESIGN
Christ Church Canterbury: LW31, WL13, WG14, WW13, WY11, WW31, GW51, GW11, YW11
UC Salford: W230, W200, W211, W225, W202
West London Inst: Q4W1, N1W1, W4W1, F9W1, Q3W1, L8W1, F6W1, V1W1, X8W1, W3W1, V8W1, X8WC
Southampton Inst: W100, W211, N5W2, W2N5,
Brenton Hall, Leeds: XW99, EW29, EW59
Bournemouth: W299.
Kent Inst: W235.
Middlesex: Y400.
Suffolk Coll: WQ22 (8), PW49 (8), W941 (4), W9G5 (4), W9P4 (4), W923 (8), GSW2
SOAS: LV86 (14)

ASIAN STUDIES
SOAS: T510 (20), T525 (20), T550 (20), T540 (20), TTM2 (20), T502 (20), T520 (20), T530 (20)

BANKING
Middlesex: N300
Ulster: N300 (18)

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE
Wolverhampton: Y600

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Bangor: L499
Buckingham: N140 (10)
Buckinghamshire Coll: N1R1 (14), N1R2 (14), N1R3 (14), N1R4 (14), N122 (10), N1F9 (8)
Glamorgan: N140, N550, N122, N100
Greenwich: N122, N401, L190, N500, N110, N150, NP14, FN11, FIN1, FIN8, N140
Gwent Coll: N150
Middlesex: N1R1, N1R2, L1R1, L1R4, N1RC, N122, Y400
Napier: N120
Robert Gordon: N178, N122
UCE: N122, Y400 (12)
UWE: N120
Wolverhampton: N141
Aston: CN11 (22), GN11 (24), GN51 (22), LN41 (22), MN1C (24), NR11 (22), NR12 (22)
Guildhall: N122.

BUSINESS LAW
Guildhall: M340

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Cranfield: N1F9 (14)
Paisley: N100

BUSINESS STUDIES
Aberystwyth: D2N1 (12)
Anglia: G599, G5N1, F1N1, N120, Y400, 421N
Birmingham: RN21 (22)
Buckingham: N120 (12), N1P7 (12), C8N1 (12), G5N1 (10)
Buckinghamshire Coll: N120 (10)
City: N120 (21)
Colchester Inst: N720, W3N1
Glamorgan: N120, GN11, H7N1
Greenwich: N120, EN71
Gwent Coll: NN14, MN31
Heriot-Watt: H3N1 (16)
Hull: HN61, FNY1
Middlesex: N120, HN61, FNY1, Y400
Napier: N122, N100, N130, NT58
Robert Gordon: N100, N130
South Bank: N1T9
Teesside: N120, N131, N1T9
UC Salford: N120
UCE: N130, Y400 (12)
Ulster: F9N1 (14), K200, N140 (16), N1T4 (16), N1G5 (16), N125
UWE: N140, N120, NY11
West London Inst: Q4N1, N1G5, W4W1, F9N1, Q3N1, N1W5, L8N1, F6N1, NV11, W3N1, V8N1, X8GM
Wolverhampton: N140
Kingston: G562 (14), F1N1 (4),
London, QMW: H1N1 (10), H2N1 (10), F1N1 (10), R1N1 (18), C1N1 (14), F2N1 (8), G1N1 (8), G150 (8),
Southampton Inst: NM13, N122, N120, N141
Humberside: G561 (12), N120 (14), LN11 (12), N399 (12), M340 (18), N1R1 (14), N1R2 (12), N1R7 (12), N1R4 (12), NR1C (12), NR1F (10), NR14 (10)
Brunel: LNC3 (18), LN13 (18),
Sheffield Hallam: F390, N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1T4, N1R5, GN51,
Bournemouth: N120.
Central Lancs: NT19 (14)
North London: N120, N124
Thames Valley: N122, NL11, N120, N140
Hertfordshire: N140, NN41, F9N1, T2N1, F6N1, L1N1, H6N1, H7N1, F5N1, N1F5, N1F1, N1G5, N1L1, N1H6, N1F9, N1T2, N1P6, N1M5, N1H7, N1G1, N1M2, N1G4, F1M1, G5N1, G1M1, N2N1, G4N1,
Warwick: F1N1 (12), F3N1 (16), H1N1 (12),
Nene Coll: N120, N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1R4
Guildhall: N120, N1T9
Suffolk Coll: N120, N340, N1L1, GN51

BUSINESS SYSTEMS
Guildhall: Y400

CHINESE
Westminster: T3Q1, T3Q3, T3R1, T3R2, T3R3, T3R8, T3R4,
SOAS: T300 (24),

CHURCH STUDIES
Wolverhampton: Y600

CLASSICS
London, RH: Q800 (18), Q810 (18)
St Mary's: CQ18 (4), FQ88 (4), QQ58 (4), GQ18 (4), VQ88 (4)
Kent: Q820 (16), QV81 (18),
Westminster: Q800 (18), Q812 (18)

COMBINED STUDIES (ARTS)
Anglia: Y300, Y400, Y600
Glamorgan: Y600
Heriot-Watt: Y320 (18)
Leicester: Y320
UCE: Y400
Hertfordshire: Y30T.
Manchester Metro: Y420

COMBINED STUDIES (SOCIAL STUDIES)
Glamorgan: Y600
Middlesex: Y400
UCE: Y400
Nene Coll: Y4G5
Strathclyde: Y440

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Anglia: L610
Bangor: P300 (Welsh only)
Greenwich: NP14
Huddersfield: QP33, WP43, RP13, RP23, RP43
London, Goldsmiths: LW39
Robert Gordon: P379
Ulster: P300 (18), Y460 (14)
Southampton Inst: P300.
Northumbria: G5P3
Humberside: P300 (14), TP23 (12)
North London: L610
Bournemouth: P300
Middlesex: Y400

COMMUNITY STUDIES
Cardiff Inst: L501 (12), L500 (12)
UWE: L520
Luton: L521.

CONSUMER STUDIES
UC Salford: N750
Anglia: 057N
Manchester Metro: N984.

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT
Aberystwyth: D253 (16)
Cranfield: D9N1 (14)

CREATIVE ARTS
Glamorgan: W431
Middlesex: W450
Sunderland: W341 (12),
Manchester Metro: W430

CRIMINOLOGY
Teesside: L380, LL37

CULTURAL STUDIES
Middlesex: Y400
Suffolk Coll: YQ32 (8), XY93 (8), W923 (8)
Salford: L3Y6 (18), Q360 (21)

DESIGN STUDIES
West Surrey Coll: N1W2
Greenwich: EW72, EW7F
Middlesex: W240, EW72
Teesside: V480, W230, W235, W2N5
UCL: RW32 (18)
Wolverhampton: Y600
Nene Coll: H770
Humberside: W235
Manchester Metro: EW72.
Guildhall: W204
Buckinghamshire Coll: J450 (6)

DRAMA
Bishop Grosseteste: W400
London, RH: W420 (24)
West London Inst: QW44, FW94, QW34, W4G5, W4W5, LW84, FW64, YW14, WX48, WW34, VW84, W4W1
St Mary's: WFL1 (4), GW14 (4), WLL3 (4), VW84 (4)
Brenton Hall, Leeds: Q3W4.
Worcester Coll: Y100 (8)

DUTCH
Hull: T220 (12)

ECONOMICS
Aberystwyth: L100 (18), LN14 (18), LN15 (18)
Anglia: N124
Bath: L100
Bradford: L100
Buckingham: L100 (12), L112 (12), N4L1 (12), ML11 (8), M351 (10), G5L1 (10)
City: G1L1 (12).
Greenwich: L114, LL17, L1L7, L113, L190, LL31, L3L1
Hull: L100 (18)
Huddersfield: L100
Leicester: L100 (18), L112 (18), L102 (18), L113 (18)
London, Goldsmiths: M1L1
London, RH: LL13 (20) LL14 (20), LM11 (20), LM11 (20)
Middlesex: L110, L100, L1R1, L1R4
Newcastle: LN14, GL11 (16), GL41 (16),
Teesside: N124
UCE: Y400 (12), L100 (14), LIN4, L1T2, L1M1, L1M3, L1N1, L1N5, M1L1
Ulster: L100 (16)
UWE: L100
Wolverhampton: L1N1, L100, L101
Kingston: MR91 (10), MR92 (10), MR94 (10), LG14 (4), FL81 (6), FL61 (6), GL11 (4),
Dundee: GL11 (12),
Kent: L100 (16)
Northumbria: L100, LN11 (12)
Brunel: L100 (18), L101 (18), LNC3 (18), LN13 (18), LN11 (18), LNC1 (18), L112 (18), L113 (18), L41C (18), LMCD (18), LM13 (18), LMC3 (18)
UEA: G1L1 (12),
Central Lancs: L100 (14)
Thames Valley: NL11, L100, LR11, LR12, M310,
Southampton: L1N3 (20),
Hertfordshire: L100, T2L1, F6L1, L1F5, L1N1, L1F1, L1H6, L1T2, L1F6, L1B1, L1M3, L1H7, L1G1, L1F3, L1G4, H6L1, B1L1, H7L1
Hertfordshire: F5L1, N1L1, F1L1, G1L1, F5L1, G4L1,
Holborn: L100
Portsmouth: LL18, L100
Paisley: N124
Strathclyde: Y440
Salford: L112 (16), L100 (16)
Manchester Metro: L101, GL11, GLC1, FL11, HLP1, GL51, LT12, LT19, HL71, FL21, JL41, L102, L103, LT12, LT19, FL21
Guildhall: L100, Y400
SOAS: L100 (20), LL18 (20), LM13 (24)

EDUCATION (NOT TEACHER TRAINING)
Northumbria: ER71
Greenwich: EW74, EW7K
Hertfordshire: E500.
Kingston: EW23 (6), EW63 (6), EY21 (8), EY61 (8)
Middlesex: Y400
Portsmouth: F3X9, G1X9
Manchester Metro: EN71, EW72
Worcester Coll: Y100 (6)
Chelten & Glos Coll: V8X3

EDUCATION (PRIMARY)
Anglia: E500
Bangor: W3E2, W3E4
London, Goldsmiths: E2W1, E2W2, E2Q3, E2V1, E2G1, E2X2, E4W1, E4W2, E4Q3, E4V1, E4G1, E4X2
UCE: E500
West London Inst: X500
North London: E500,
Worcester Coll: EV51 (8), EG51 (4)

EDUCATION (SECONDARY)
Anglia: EG71
Cardiff: E5W3 (12), E7Q5, E7W3
Greenwich: EW72, EW7F
London, Goldsmiths: E7W2
UCE: EW73
UWE: E7N1, E7W2, E7G1, EW72
Wolverhampton: E700, E701
West London Inst: X7L8, X7LV, X7LW,
London, Kings Coll: GX11 (8), FX31 (8)
North London: EG71
Manchester Metro: E700

EDUCATION STUDIES
UCL: E7X7, E7N1, E7W2, XG71, XF79
Wolverhampton: Y600
Glasgow: H111
Nottingham, Trent: X920, E791, E7Y1, EW72, GN51

EDUCATION (TEACHER TRAINING)
Cardiff Inst: X850 (12)

ENGLISH/ ENGLISH STUDIES
Anglia: Q300
Buckingham: Q3X9 (12), Q300 (8), QV31 (8), Y651 (8),
Huddersfield: Q300, QP33
Middlesex: Q300, Y400
London, Goldsmiths: Q300, QW34
South Bank: LQ33, LQ73
Teesside: Q306
West London Inst: Q3W5, LQ83, FQ63, QV31, QX38, QW33, QV38, QX3V, QQ34, Q3N1, Q3G5, FQ93, QW34
St Mary's: QF31 (4)
Brenton Hall, Leeds: Q3W4, Q3P4,
Lancaster: Q300 (22),
Westminster: T3Q3, QT36, QR31, QR32, QR33, QR38, QR34
Luton: Q300
Strathclyde: Y440
Salford: Q300 (21), Q360 (21)

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
Cardiff Inst: F910 (12)
Cranfield: N802 (14),
Liverpool: C160 (18), F900 (14), F3F9 (8), F6F9 (12)
Middlesex: FNX1, Y400
South Bank: FFX9, FL98
UWE: F8F9, L800

ESTATE MANAGEMENT
South Bank: N800
Ulster: N800 (16)

EUROPEAN STUDIES
Aberystwyth: T200 (18)
Anglia: T200
Bradford: T200, T202, H696, H690
Buckingham: L1T2 (10)
Glamorgan: N140, G564, HN61
Greenwich: Y1T2, FT12
Heriot-Watt: NN34 (18)
Hull: T200 (18)
London, RH: Y460 (20)
Middlesex: Y400
South Bank: T200
UCE: Y400 (12), L1T2, M1T2
UCL: N1J9
Wolverhampton: T200,
London, QMW: RT1F (18), RT82 (18), RT8F (18), TT9G (18), TT1F (18)
Kent: R141 (18), R211 (18), R311 (18), T200 (18), T202 (18), T205 (18),
Northumbria: T200
Humberside: NR11 (10), NR12 (10), N1R2 (12), N1R7 (12), N1R2 (12), NR1C (10), NR1F (10), NR14 (10)
Brunel: TT05 (14)
Central Lancs: T200 (14),
Thames Valley: T200,
Hertfordshire: T2N1, T2G5, T2L1, T2F9, T2F6, T2B1, T2M3, T2H7, T2G1, T2N2, T2F3, F6T2,
Westminster: K4R1, K4R2
Sunderland: T200 (10),
Warwick: F1R1 (12)
U C, Stockton: TR21, (10), TR22 (8), TR24 (8)
Strathclyde: Y440
Manchester Metro: LT12, FT32, GTC2, FT12, GT52, LT12, TT29, TF23, JT42, LT32, LT82, TT29, LT32
Guildhall: N129
Aston: G5T2 (20), H2T2 (16), H7T2 (16), H8T2 (22)
Nottingham, Trent: N1R2 (14)

FASHION
Heriot-Watt: H770 (10), J4NM, J470
Southampton Inst: W225,
UMIST: J4N1, J4N5, J4N9, J4ND, J4NY, J4T9, J4TX, J4W2, J449
Nottingham, Trent: JW42 (12),

FILM STUDIES
Middlesex: Y400
Napier: W265

FINANCE
Aberystwyth: N400 (20)
Anglia: N124, N420, N4T1, 421N,
Buckingham: N300 (12), NN43 (12)
City: N800 (18), G1L1 (12),
Glamorgan: N420
Gwent Coll: NN34
Middlesex: N300, N420
Napier: GN13, N420
Newcastle: N400 (18)
South Bank: N420
UCE: N420 (10), Y400 (12)
UCL: NT42
Ulster: N300 (18)
UWE: N420, N300
Wolverhampton: N420, N399
Humberside: N420 (14), N399 (12)
Sheffield Hallam: N1R4,
Central Lancs: N399 (14),
North London: N124, N420, N421
Thames Valley: N420
Kingston: N420 (14)
Nene Coll: N420
Salford: NN34
Manchester Metro: N399,
Guildhall: N399, Y400

FRENCH/ FRENCH STUDIES
Portsmouth: F6R1, RR12, F3R1, G1R1
Anglia: R100
Birmingham: RR12 (22)
Bradford: RR12, RR18, RR14
Buckingham: N140 (10)
Buckinghamshire Coll: N1R1 (14)
Greenwich: NR51
Huddersfield: RP13
Hull: R100 (16)
Leicester: R100, RR12, RM11
Liverpool: R100, RR12
London, Goldsmiths: R100, RR12
London, RH: R100 (20), RN11 (20), RR12 (20)
Middlesex: N1R1, L1R1, N1RC, Y400
UCE: H3R1
UWE: RR12, RR14, RRCF, RRCK
Wales, Lampeter: R101
Wolverhampton: M3R1
Kingston: RR12 (12), RR14 (12), MR91 (10), FR11 (4), FR81 (6), FR61 (6), GR11 (4), FR31 (4), CR11 (4)
London, QMW: H1R1 (12), H2R1 (10), H3R1 (10), GR11 (18), R100 (18), R1N1 (18), LR81 (18), RQ11 (18), RR18 (18), RRC8 (18), RT1F (18), TTYF (18)
Kent: R101 (18), R141 (18), RR12 (18), RR13 (18), RV11 (18), VV17 (18),
Northumbria: RR12, RR14, RR18,
Lancaster: R100 (18)
Westminster: K4R1, N8K1, RT16, QR31, RR12, RR13, RR18, RR14, RQ11,
UMIST: F1R1, QR11, R110, GRD1, G5R1, F353, F3R1, F3RC, F3RD,
Thames Valley: LR11, RRC2, RRC4
Southampton: R100 (14)
London Kings Coll: F3R1,
U C, Stockton: TR21 (10),
Aston: R100 (18), RR12 (18), FR11 (18), GR51 (18), LR41 (22), GR11 (24),

GEOGRAPHY
NR11 (22),
Manchester Metro: RR12, RR14,
Guildhall: Y400
Glasgow: FF68
Anglia: L800
Greenwich: L800, F800
London, RH: F800, FF68, L800
Middlesex: L800, F800, Y400
South Bank: FL98
UWE: F8P9, L800
Wales, Lampeter: L800
Wolverhampton: Y600, F840
West London Inst: LQ84, L8W1, FL68, LV81, LX88, LW83, LV88, LX8Y, L8N1, L8G5, L8W5, LQ83,
Kingston: L800 (12), F800 (12), FF81 (6), FG85 (6), FL81 (6), FR81 (6) FF86 (6), FG81 (6), FL38 (6), FG84 (6), CF18 (6)
St Mary's: FC81 (4), FF81 (4), FQ88 (4), FQ85 (4), GF18 (4), FL83 (4)
London, QMW: F800 (16), F830 (16), F840 (16), L800 (18), L820 (18), L822 (20), LR81 (18), LR88 (18), LRV8 (18),
Lancaster: L800 (18)
North London: L800
Portsmouth: LL18, F8R2, F800, F808, F8X9,
Strathclyde: KL48, Y440
Salford: L800, L802
Manchester Metro: GL18, CL18, FL98, LT82,
Guildhall: F899, Y400, L800
Worcester Coll: L800 (4)
Chelten & Glos. Coll: V8L8
SOAS: LV86 (14) LL18 (20), L870 (20)

GERMAN/ GERMAN STUDIES
Birmingham: RR12 (22), RN21 (22), RR23 (22), RR28 (20)
Buckinghamshire Coll: N1R2 (14)
Bradford: RR12, RR28, RR24
Buckingham: Y220 (10)
Greenwich: NR52
Huddersfield: RP23
Hull: R200 (14)
Leeds: R200 (20)
Leicester: RR12, R200, RR23, MR12
Liverpool: R200 (18), R2T2 (18), RR12 (18)
London, Goldsmiths: R200, RR12
London, RH: R200 (18), RN21 (20), RR12 (20)
Middlesex: Y400
UCE: R3R2
UCL: TR22 (18), R200 (16), RR23 (24), RR27 (12)
UWE: RR12, RR24, RRCF, RRFK
Wales, Lampeter: R200
Kingston: RR12 (12), MR92 (10), London QMW: H1R2 (12), H2R2 (10), H3R2 (12)
Dundee: R3R2 (8),
Kent: R200 (18), RR12 (18), R211 (18), RR23 (18), RV21 (18)
Northumbria: RR12, RR24, RR28, RR42, RR82
Lancaster: R200 (16)
Westminster: K4R2, N8K2, RT26, T3R2, QR32, RR12, RR23, RR28, RR24, RQ21,
UMIST: F1R2, R202, QR12, GR52, GRD2, F354, F3HQ, F3R2, F3RF, F3RG, G5R2
Thames Valley: LR12, RRC2,
Southampton: R200 (14)
U C, Stockton: TR228
Portsmouth: F8R2, F6R2, R210, RR12, G1R2, F3R2
Aston: R200 (18), RR12 (18), FR12 (18), GR52 (18), RC21 (18), MR1F (24), LR42 (22), NR12 (22)
Manchester Metro: RR12, RR24,
Guildhall: Y400
Nottingham, Trent: N1R2 (14)

HEALTH SCIENCES/STUDIES
Middlesex: Y400
South Bank: BL93, BL97, BN91
Wolverhampton: Y600

HEBREW
UCL: Q960 (16)
SOAS: Q960 (22)

HERITAGE STUDIES
Bishop Grosseteste: V100
Buckingham: V430 (8)

HISTORY
Anglia: V100
Buckingham: V130 (10), QV31 (8), Y651 (8)
Greenwich: V100, QV21
Huddersfield: V100
London, Goldsmiths: V100
Middlesex: Y400
Teesside: V100
Ulster: V100 (16), V173 (16), V147 (16)
UWE: V100
West London Inst: V1W1, QV41, FV91, NV11, V1G5, V1W5 VX18, VW13, VV18, VX1V, QV31, VW14, LV81,
St Mary's: VF11 (4), GV11 (4),
Kent: VV13 (14), T205 (18), V100 (18),
South Bank: FL98 (18), QV81 (18), QV21 (18),
VVDH (18), RV11 (18), RV21 (18), VV15 (18), RV31 (18), VV18 (18),
Northumbria: V199,
Humberside: Q202 (14)
Brunel: MV11 (14), MV1C (14),
Luton: V100, V199
Portsmouth: L100
Strathclyde: Y440
Guildhall: V130, Y400
Worcester Coll: V100 (8)
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: V8V1

HISTORY OF ART AND DESIGN
Birmingham: RV34 (22)
Buckingham: V430 (8)
Cardiff Inst: V400.
Middlesex: Y400
UCL: TV24 (18), RV34 (24), V480
Southampton Inst: N812,
Northumbria: W250
Central Lancs: W299 (10),
Warwick: V400 (22),
SOAS: V620 (14)

HISTORY OF IDEAS
Middlesex: Y400

HOTEL, CATERING
Anglia: N720, N721
Buckingham: N127 (12)
Cardiff Inst: N720 (10), N723 (10), N722 (10)
Middlesex: N720
Napier: N700, 027N
Plymouth: N720
Robert Gordon: N720
South Bank: N720, N750, N781
UC Salford: N750
Ulster: N740 (14)
Wolverhampton: N700
City Col, Norwich: N720 (14),
Thames Valley: N721
Portsmouth: N720
Manchester Metro: N720, N723
Bournemouth: N720

HOUSING
UWE: K472

HUMAN STUDIES
Teesside: L340

HUMANITIES/ MODERN STUDIES
Anglia: Y300
Glamorgan: Y301, YG31,
Greenwich: Y301
Teesside: Y301
Thames Valley: Y301,
Hertfordshire: Y301
Manchester Metro: Y301, Y400

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Aberystwyth: P200 (16)
Anglia: FP23
Leeds: G520 (17)
Robert Gordon: P100
UCE: PF12 (10)
UCL: PF12
UWE: RRCF, RRCK, RRFK, L3G5
Wolverhampton: G561, GN51
Northumbria: P200
Thames Valley: GP55
Paisley: G562
Portsmouth: GL53
UC Salford: G506.

INSURANCE
Buckingham: N4N3 (12)
City: N330 (18)
Guildhall: N330

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Rejection by your chosen university need not be the end of the world

Time to take the gloves off

Joanna Shinn offers some practical first-hand advice for those applying for clearing house places

A year ago, I was in your position. I had failed to meet my entrance requirements by one grade. I had to wait for what seemed the longest 24 hours in history before my chosen university gave me its verdict. Looking through the clearing places that day was the worst of my life.

If this situation seems familiar to you, then please accept some advice from someone who shared the agony.

Firstly, although clearing seems like an utter nightmare, people *do* get places. And good ones too. Think of all those, like you, who didn't make the grade and all those who dropped their insurance offers. There are places out there.

However, whether you get a place, and how good that place is, is directly proportional to how hard you work at it. Get out there and sell yourself, and do it fast. It is not enough simply to telephone.

Try to enlist the help of a friendly ex-form teacher. If he or she writes and faxes an additional reference, expressing sheer disbelief at your lower-than-expected results and a couple of reasons why you might not have done so well as expected (clashing exams, hay fever, sickness, etc) then your university, only too aware of the shortcomings of its assessment of your capabilities, might accept that the system has let you down. It will certainly be something extra for selection committees to consider.

Admissions officers and sixth-form teachers alike will be cursing me for handing out this advice, but who cares. Clearing is a scramble with every man for himself. The harder you push, the nearer you get to the top of the heap. If your teachers are too busy, then send the damn thing yourself.

This is also a time when you have to think carefully, and realistically, about your course. Your very best Richard Branson selling technique is not going to get you a medicine degree on two Ds. Try not to listen *too* carefully to those who tell you that the only universities are old universities, and the only degrees are old-style degrees. This is simply no longer true. In fact, many employers are looking for someone who is not saturated in academia; instead they prefer someone who, while having a degree as proof of their intelligence, does not have to be rescued from an educational ivory tower. It is you, not your university, that achieves your success. You can get by on the academic glow of a BA (Oxon) for a while, but certainly not in the long term. For every Hugh Laurie or Tony Blair there are countless Oxbridge Mr Nobodies who sink without trace.

However, if you have your heart set on a certain university or course, then there is always next year. The thought of retakes may be too horrible to contemplate, especially when you had this date marked in your diary as the day that things would finally be sorted out, but you have to be pragmatic. An extra three months revision, and who knows what you could achieve? At the next round of interviews, you could look the selectors straight in the eye and say "I was unlucky" *and* have the evidence to back it up.



Joanna Shinn: "It is not enough simply to telephone."

Retakes come with the added advantage that the year out comes as part of the package. After the November exams, there will be a full 11 months before you get that place you've always wanted. People avoid the gap year for many reasons. One of these could be that so many parents are against it, believing that once you have tasted real life and a real salary, you won't go back to the educational system. If this is the case, then the fact that you've gone to the trouble of retaking should be all the proof of commitment that they need.

So get out there and do absolutely everything that you won't be able to do once you have careers and commitments and the other nasty side-effects of being an adult to worry about. There are plenty of voluntary schemes that would broaden your horizons considerably, and will speak volumes for your character in future job interviews in a way that exams alone cannot.

Logical worries about your current situation aside, there is still the small matter of daydreams. For most students, the future prospect of floating around the Downs at Bristol or clubbing in London has sustained them through their A levels.

Fret not. As long as you don't let this cloud your judgement unduly, you'll end up loving wherever you end up. And when you've met people that you really can imagine posing for a *Peter's Friends* photo with (as you inevitably will) just consider the fact that you would never have met them had the exams gone better, and feel comparatively blessed.

ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE: THE PECKING ORDER

THE ARTS and social science courses listed today include the most sought-after programmes in clearing. They also demand the highest entry qualifications.

Statistics published this week show that in the traditional universities, only medicine and dentistry have higher entry requirements than the social sciences. Like language degrees, their new entrants needed an average of almost three Bs at A-level last year.

The new universities and colleges, which have the majority of vacancies in clearing, will accept lower grades, but the pecking order is much the same. The humanities, business subjects and librarianship are all likely to have higher requirements than most courses in science or engineering.

The creative arts are in a category of their own, usually placing less weight on public examinations than on performance in the chosen field.

Business courses, which are among the most popular in the former polytechnics, are plentiful in today's listings. However, they will also be the centre of much of this week's activity, and may disappear quickly.

Arts and social science places are already scarce in the traditional universities. Many of the courses listed have only a handful of vacancies.

However, more arts places may appear later in the clearing process. Because universities have been given such strict targets by their funding councils, they may take additional students where demand is buoyant if it becomes obvious that other subjects are short of candidates.

A level mean score of UK undergraduates

Subject group	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Medicine and dentistry	25.8	25.8	25.9	26.0	26.5
Social sciences	23.5	23.7	23.9	23.8	23.8
Languages and related studies	23.0	23.2	23.6	23.7	23.7
Humanities	22.4	22.6	23.1	23.1	23.3
Librarianship and information science	19.2	20.9	19.6	21.4	23.0
Business and financial studies	23.4	23.3	22.4	22.0	22.2
Creative arts	21.2	20.9	21.3	21.8	21.9
Mathematical sciences	22.7	22.7	22.1	22.2	21.8
Architecture and related studies	21.5	21.8	21.7	22.1	21.7
Veterinary science, agriculture and related studies	19.9	20.6	20.4	20.6	20.9
Studies allied to medicine	21.5	21.1	20.3	20.2	20.9
Physical sciences	20.9	21.0	20.9	20.9	20.7
Biological sciences	20.4	20.6	20.4	20.8	20.6
Engineering and technology	20.5	20.5	20.2	20.2	20.2
Education	16.7	15.9	16.3	16.8	17.9
Multi-disciplinary studies	22.9	23.2	22.9	23.1	22.9
All subjects	22.3	22.4	22.3	22.4	22.4

Includes AS level passes from 1989-90.

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Bath Coll of Hr Ed 0225 873701
Bath Univ 0225 826826
Bedford Coll of Hr Ed 0234 351966
Birmingham Univ 021 414 3697
Bolton Institute 0204 28851
Bournemouth Univ 0202 504152
Bradford Univ 0274 385400
Bretton Hall Coll 0924 830261
Brighton Univ 0273 600900
Bristol Univ 0272 303030
Brunel Univ 0895 274000
Buckingham Univ 0280 814080
Buckinghamshire Coll 0494 522141
Cardiff Institute of Hr Ed 0222 551111
Central England Univ, Birmingham 021 331 5220
Central Lancashire Univ 0772 201201
Cheltenham and Gloucester Coll 0242 532825
Chester Coll 0244 375444
Chichester Institute of Hr Ed 0243 865581
Christ Church Coll, Canterbury 0227 767700
City Univ 071 477 8028
Coventry Univ 0203 838181
Cranfield Univ 0793 785400
Dartington Coll of Arts 0803 862224
Derby Univ 0332 622222
Dundee Univ 0382 344160
Durham Univ 091 374 4685
East Anglia Univ 0603 592216
East London Univ 081 590 7722
Edge Hill Coll of Hr Ed 0695 584584
Edinburgh Univ 031 650 4360
Essex Univ 0206 873668
Exeter Univ 0392 263035
Glamorgan Univ 0443 480480
Glasgow Univ 041 339 8855
Glasgow Caledonian Univ 041 331 3000
Greenwich Univ 081 316 8590
Gwent Coll of Hr Ed 0633 430088
Heriot-Watt Univ 031 451 3376
Hertfordshire Univ 0707 284848
Huddersfield Univ 0484 422288
Hull Univ 0482 465103
Humberside Univ 0482 440550
Keele Univ 0782 621111
Kent Univ 0227 764000
Kingston Univ 081 547 2000
La Sainte Union Coll of Hr Ed 0703 228761
Lancaster Univ 0524 65201
Leeds Univ 0532 332332
Leeds Metropolitan Univ 0532 832600
Leeds, Trinity and All Saints' 0532 837123
Leicester Univ 0533 522295
Liverpool Institute of Hr Ed 051 737 3251
Liverpool Univ 051 794 6800
Liverpool John Moores Univ 0500 565568

LONDON UNIV
Goldsmith's Coll 081 692 7171
Imperial Coll 071 589 5111
King's Coll 071 836 5454
Queen Mary and Westfield Coll 071 975 5511
Royal Holloway Coll 0784 443369
School of Oriental and African Studies 071 637 2388
Wye Coll 0233 812401
London Guildhall Univ 071 320 3457
London Institute 071 514 6000
Loughborough Univ 0509 263171
Luton Univ 0582 34111
UMIST 061 236 3311
Manchester Univ 061 275 2077
Manchester Metropolitan Univ 061 247 1035
Middlesex Univ 081 362 5000
De Montfort Univ 0645 454647
Napier Univ 031 455 4330
Nene Coll 0604 735500
Newcastle Univ 091 222 8672
North East Wales Institute of Hr Ed 0978 290666
North London Univ 071 753 5066
Northumbria Univ 091 227 4064
Nottingham Univ 0602 515151
Nottingham Trent Univ 0602 418418
Oxford Brookes U 0865 270207
Paisley Univ 041 848 3698
Plymouth Univ 0752 232010
Portsmouth Univ 0705 876543
Queen Margaret Coll, Edinburgh 031 317 3240
Queen's Univ, Belfast 0232 245133
Reading Univ 0734 316586
Coll of Ripon and York St John 0904 616851
Robert Gordon Univ 0224 262000
Roehampton Institute 081 392 3000
St Andrews Univ 0334 63320
Coll of St Mark and St John 0752 777188
St Martin's Coll, Lancaster 0524 63446
St Mary's Coll, Twickenham 081 892 0051
Salford Univ 061 745 5000
Univ Coll Salford 061 736 6541
Sheffield Univ 0742 768555
Sheffield Hallam Univ 0742 533086
South Bank Univ 071 815 8158
Southampton Institute 0800 847800
Southampton Univ 0703 595000
Staffordshire Univ 0782 744531
Stirling Univ 0786 467044
Strathclyde Univ 041 552 4400
Sunderland Univ 091 515 3000
Surrey Univ 0483 300800
Sussex Univ 0273 678416
Swansea Institute of Hr Ed 0792 481000
Teesside Univ 0642 218121
Thames Valley Univ 081 579 5000
Trinity Coll, Carmarthen 0267 237971
Ulster Univ 0265 44141
Univ Coll Stockton 0642 335320

UNIV OF WALES
Univ Coll, Aberystwyth 0970 622065
Univ Coll, Bangor 0248 351151
Cardiff Coll 0222 874404
St David's Coll, Lampeter 0570 422351
Univ Coll, Swansea 0792 295097
Warwick Univ 0203 533544
West London Institute 0800 181262
West of England Univ, Bristol 0272 763801
Westminster Coll, Oxford 0865 247644
Westminster Univ 071 911 5000
Wolverhampton Univ 0902 321000
Worcester Coll of Hr Ed 0905 748080
York Univ 0904 433020

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES IN THE ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
Greenwich: N140
South Bank: T810
Ulster: Y460 (14)
Portsmouth: N399
Aston: NRC1 (22), NRD2 (22), NTC2 (22), NTCF (22)

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING
Greenwich: NR51, NR52, NR54

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/STUDIES
Aberystwyth: M154 (20), M164 (20)
South Bank: T999
Nottingham Trent: M158 (18)

IRISH STUDIES
Ulster: V147 (16)
St Mary's: CQ15 (4), FQ15 (4), QQ58 (4) FQ85 (4), LQ35 (4), QV58 (4),

ITALIAN
Birmingham: RR23 (22), RR35 (20), RV34 (22)
Buckinghamshire Coll: N1R3 (14)
Hull: R300 (14)
Leicester: RR23, MR13
London, RH: R300 (18), RN31 (20)
UCL: RR23 (24), R300 (18), RW32 (18), RV34 (24), RQ31 (20)
Kent: R311 (18), RR13 (18), RR23 (18), RV31 (18)
Lancaster: R300 (16)
Westminster: N8R3, RT36, T3R2, QR33, RR13, RR23, RR38, RR34, RQ31

JAPANESE STUDIES
Ulster: N1T4 (16)
Wolverhampton: Y600
SOAS: T400 (24)

JEWISH STUDIES
London, Jews': J50 (18), Y400 (18)
UCL: V149 (18)

JOURNALISM
Teesside: P600, RW

KOREAN STUDIES
SOAS: T516 (16).

LAND MANAGEMENT
Kingston: K450, K2N8.
Plymouth: N800, D253
Portsmouth: N800
South Bank: N800
Westminster: N8K1, N8K2, N8R3, N8R4

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
Greenwich: K300
Kingston: K300 (8)

LANGUAGES FOR BUSINESS
Heriot-Watt: NT19, TN91, NT99, NT1X, NT9X, NT1Y
Portsmouth: TN21
Robert Gordon: N1T8
Sheffield Hallam: F390, N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1T4, N1R5, N1R4
South Bank: N1T9, T810
Surrey: RL21, H204, R634, J524, J204, H804
Wolverhampton: NT19

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
Middlesex: R600
Portsmouth: R600, R601, RR46

LAW
Anglia: M300
Bournemouth: M340
Brunel: LM13 (18), LMC3 (18), M300 (24), NM13 (16), NM1H (16)
Buckingham: M300 (12), MC39 (12), MM13 (12), Y618 (8), T900 (10)
Glamorgan: M300 (16)
Greenwich: M300
Hertfordshire: M307, M3F5, M3N1, M3F1, M3G5, M3L1, M3H6, M3P9, M3T2, M3B1, M3N2, M3F3, M3G4, N2N3, F3N3, G4M3, G5M3, L1M3, H6M3, B1M3, F5M3, N1M3, F1M3, F9N3, T2N3
Holborn Coll: M300, M301
Huddersfield: M300
Humberside: M340
London, Guildhall: M340, M3L1
Kingston: MN24 (16), M310 (14)
Middlesex: M300, Y400
Neue Coll: M300
Newcastle: NM43 (20)
North London: M300
SOAS: M300 (24)
Southampton Inst: NM13, NM43, M300
South Bank: M300
Teesside: M300, NM43
Thames Valley: NM43, M330, M310, M331-4
UCE: Y400 (16), M390 (12), L1M3 (14), M300 (16-18)
UWE: M3T9, M300
Wolverhampton: M300, M3R1

LEGAL STUDIES
Glamorgan: M300
Gwent: MN34 (10), MN31 (10)
London, Guildhall: M3L1
Napier: M391
Robert Gordon: M390

LEISURE STUDIES
Bangor: N740
SAC: NX72
Southampton Inst: X860
Thames Valley: Y502
UCS: XP87
West London Inst: QX48, X8W1, WX48, FX98, QX38, X8W5, LX88, FX68, WX38, VX88, X860, VX18

LINGUISTICS
London, QMW: RQ81 (18), RQ11 (18), QR18 (18)
Luton: Q101
UCL: RQ31 (20), Q100 (18)
Westminster: TQ61, T3Q1, RQ11, RQ21, RQ31, RQ81, RQ41

LITERARY STUDIES
Greenwich: Q202, QV21
Humberside: Q202 (14)
Kent: QV21 (18)
Luton: Q310
Middlesex: Q312, Y400
Portsmouth: Q210
Salford: Q300 (21)
Suffolk: WQ22, XQ92, YQ32
UWE: Q300

MANAGEMENT STUDIES
Aston: MF11 (24), MN1C (24), ML14 924)
Bangor: Y401
Bournemouth: N9N5
Bradford: G1N1, H304, H302, JN9C, JN91, M994, NJ1X, NJ19, H705, H706
Brunel: LN11 (18), LNC1 (18), N101 (16), N102 (16), N103 (16), N1JX (16), N1JY (16), N1J9 (16), NM13 (16), NM1H (16), N1G1 (16), N1GC (16)
Buckinghamshire Coll: N110 (6)
Central Lancs: N100 (12)
City: N100 (18)
Cranfield: N1F9 (14)
Glamorgan: N620, M148 (8-10)
Hertfordshire: GN54
Kent: MND1 (12)
Liverpool: H1N1 (12), H1NC (12), H1ND (8), H7N1 (12)
London, Guildhall: L8M1, Y400
London, KC: GN11, F3N1, F1N1, F1ND, F1NC
London, RH: C7N1 (14), F3N1 (14), G1n1 (16), G5N1 (18), H6N1 (14), LN11 (20), RN11 (20), RN21 (20), RN31 (20)
Middlesex: Y400, HN7C, HN71, HN79
Napier: LN31
Paisley: N100
Robert Gordon: M148
Sheffield: NG11 (18)
Southampton Inst: N130
South Bank: BN91, GN11, GN51, HN71, N980
Suffolk Coll: G5NC (4)
Teesside: N620
Thames Valley: NM41, W253
UCE: Y400 (14), L1N1 (14), M1N1
UC Scarborough: N122
UCL: R7N1 (12), F3N1 (20), H6N1 (20)
UEA: G1N1 (12)
UMIST: NF11, GN11, J4N9, J4ND, J4NY, J4T9, J4W2
York: F330 (12)

MANUFACTURING STUDIES
Middlesex: Y400
Wolverhampton: Y600, H780

MARKETING
Aberystwyth: LN15 (18)
Bournemouth: N501
Cranfield: NSD4 (14)
Glamorgan: N500, N501
Greenwich: N500, NP14
Huddersfield: N500, N5T9, N555
London, Guildhall: Y400
Middlesex: Y400
Paisley: N500
Salford: NT59
Southampton Inst: N5W2, W2N5, N500
Teesside: N500, W2N5
UCE: Y400 (14), L1N5 (14)
UMIST: J4N1, J4N5

MEDIA STUDIES
Bournemouth: PP34, P600 (18)
Buckinghamshire College: P400 (10)
City: PLA3 (20)
Glamorgan: WP44
Humberside: P400, W501
Luton: V430
Napier: W265
Southampton Inst: P430-
South Bank: PL43
Suffolk: PW49, W9P4, GP54
Sunderland: W551 (4)
UWE: Y110
West London Inst: Q4W5, N1W5, W4W5, P9W5, Q3W5, X8WM, L8W5, F6W5, V1W5, X8W5, W3W5, V8W5, X8WM
West Surrey Coll: P400

MODERN LANGUAGES
Bournemouth: T810 (16)
Brighton: T900
Glamorgan: N501
Huddersfield: T900, GT52, N5T9
Hull: T900 (18)
Kent: T202 (18)
Central Lancs: T900 (4)
Leicester: T900 (20)
Manchester Metro: GT19, FT39, GTC9, FT19, LT19, HTP9, TT29, RR12, RR14, RR24, JT49, LT39, GT19, FT39, GTC9, FT19, LT19, HTP9, TT29, HT79, FT29, FTH9, JT49, LT39, HT79, FTH9
Nottingham Trent: T9P8 (14)
Northumbria: RR12, RR14, RR18, RR24, RR28, RR48, RR82, RR84, ER71
Salford: TN94, TNT2, NTS9
South Bank: T810, T899
Southampton: RR12 (14), RR14 (14), RR15 (14), Y341 (14)
Strathclyde: Y440 (18)
Thames Valley: QR31-38
Wolverhampton: T900
UWE: RR12, RR14, RR24, RRCF, RRCK, RRFK, M3T9
Ulster: T901 (14)
UMIST: J4N5, J4N9, J4NY, J4T9, J4TX

MODULAR SCHEMES
City Coll, Norwich: Y300
Glamorgan: Y300 (12)
Lampeter: Y400
Nottingham Trent: Y400
Middlesex: Y400
Ulster: Y320 (18), Y321 (16)

MUSIC
Bretton Hall, Leeds: W320, EW52
Cardiff Inst: E7W3
Canterbury: LW33, WW13, WL33, W931, WG35, WG31, WY31, GW13
Colchester Inst: W300
Dartington: W3N1, W3WL, W3W4, W3WK, W300, W4WH
Lancaster: W300 (16)
Liverpool: W300 (16), W320 (16)
Kingston: EW23 (6), EW63 (6)
Rose Bruford: W350
Southampton: W300 (14)
Thames Valley: T200
UCE: EW73
UC Salford: W304
UC Scarborough: W3Y1, W3Y2, W3Y2, W3WK, W3G9, W3Y3
West London Inst: QW43, W3W1, W3N1, W3G5, WW34, FW93, QW33, W3W5, FW63, VW13, WX38, LW83, VW83, WX3V
Wolverhampton: Y600
Worcester CHE: Y100 (6)

PEACE STUDIES
Bradford: M930
Ulster: M930 (14)

PERFORMANCE/ MOVEMENT STUDIES
Bretton Hall, Leeds: W450
Dartington: W3W1, W3WK, W4ND, W4W7, W434, W435, W4NC, W4WH, W437, W438, W433, W430
Greenwich: EW74, EW7K.
Middlesex: Y400
Suffolk Coll: W430
UC Scarborough: F9WK, W1WK, W430, W3WK

PERSIAN
SOAS: T660 (22)

PHILOSOPHY
Anglia: V700
Greenwich: V700
Hertfordshire: G1V7, N2V7, V7G5, V7F9, V7B1, V7H7, V7G1, V7N2, V7F3, F3V7, G5W7, H7V7, B1V7, F9V7, F6V7
Kent: VV17 (18)
Lancaster: V700 (18)
Leeds: LV37 (22)
London, KC: FV17, FV37, F3V5
Middlesex: Y400
Warwick: V700 (20)
Wolverhampton: Y600
UEA: G1V7 (12)

PHOTOGRAPHY
Napier: W265

POLICY STUDIES
Glamorgan: M140 (8-10)
North London: L402
Northumbria: M142

POLITICAL ECONOMY
Buckingham: ML11 (8), Y618 (8)
Salford: LI14 (16)

POLITICS
Aberystwyth: M150 (20), M152 (20), M164 (20), M168 (20)
Anglia: M100
Brunel: LM1C (18), LMCD (18), MV11 (14), MV1C (14)
Buckingham: MM13 (12), ML11 (8), MV11 (8), Y651 (8)
Greenwich: M100
Huddersfield: M100
Humberside: TM21 (10), MM19 (12), LM41 (12)
Kingston: MR91 (10), MR92 (10), MR94 (10)
Leicester: RM11 (18), MR12 (18), MR13 (18)
London, Guildhall: M142, Y400
Luton: M100
Middlesex: Y400
North London: M100
Portsmouth: M100
Salford: LM31 (18)
South Bank: M100
Strathclyde: Y440 (18)
Teesside: M100
Wolverhampton: Y600
Ulster: V147 (16)
UWE: M100

PORTUGUESE
Birmingham: RR35
Portsmouth: RR45

PSYCHOLOGY
Bournemouth: Y110, Y118
Buckingham: C8N1 (12), C8G5 (10), C8C1 (10)
Dundee: FC38 (14), C800 (14), LG75 (14)
Greenwich: BL17, L7G5, C8B1, C8L3, L7G4, L3L7, LL17, L117
Huddersfield: GL57
Humberside: C800 (20)
Lancaster: C800 (20)
London, Guildhall: L710, Y400
Luton: L700
Portsmouth: C800, C808
South Bank: BL97, LQ73
Strathclyde: Y440 (18)
Teesside: L700, LL37, LL73
Thames Valley: L799, BL97
Ulster: C800 (18)
UWE: C889
Westminster: C800

PUBLIC/SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION
Aston: MF11 (24), MN1C (24), MR1F (24), ML14 (24)
London, RH: LM11 (20)
Luton: M140
Robert Gordon: M148
Teesside: M140

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Bournemouth: N920 (18)

PUBLISHING STUDIES
Middlesex: Y400
Robert Gordon: P500
Thames Valley: GP55

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Canterbury: LV38, V840, VL83
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: V8X3, V8V1, V8G1, V8L8, V8L3
Glasgow: V800
Gwent: Y400 (10-12)
Middlesex: Y400
UC Scarborough: V8F9, V8W4, V8W1, V8W3, V8WK, V8G9, V8L3, V8Q3, V8V1
Wales, Lampeter: V840, Y652, V806
West London Inst: V8W1, QV48, V8N1, V8G5, VW84, FV98, QV38, V8W5, FV38, VV18, VX88, VW83, VX8V, X7LW, LV88
Wolverhampton: Y600

RUSSIAN/ RUSSIAN STUDIES
Birmingham: R800, RR28
Bradford: RR18, RR28, RR48
Durham: R800 (22)
Leeds: RR05 (18), R800 (16)
London, QMW: GRD8 (18), LR88 (18), LRV8 (18), QR18 (18), RR18 (18), RRC8 (18), RT82 (18), RT8F (18), TT9G (18), TTYF (18), RQ81 (18), GR18 (18)
Northumbria: RR18, RR28, RR48, RR82, RR84
Portsmouth: R810
Westminster: RT86, T3R8, QR38, RR18, RR28, RR38, RR48, RQ81
Wolverhampton: Y600

SANSKRIT
SOAS: Q950 (20), Q955 (20)

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES
Hull: R700 (12)
Humberside: N1R7
UCL: RR27 (12), R700 (10), R7N1 (12)

SCOTTISH STUDIES
Strathclyde: Y440 (18)

SINHALESE
SOAS: T505 (20)

SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION
Leeds: L430 (18)

SOCIAL POLICY
Anglia: L310, L402
Bradford: L400, LM49
Humberside: L340 (12), LM41 (12)
Leeds: L430 (18), LL34 (20)
London, RH: LL14 (20), LL34 (20), L420 (20)
London Guildhall: L8M1, L499, Y400
Luton: L400
Middlesex: L402, Y400
Portsmouth: L402
Southampton Inst: M150, M148
Teesside: L402
Wolverhampton: Y600

SOCIAL SCIENCE/ STUDIES
Aston: GL14 (24), LN41 (22), LR41 (22), LR42 (22), CL14 (22), ML14 (24)
Anglia: Y301
Bretton Hall, Leeds: M9Q3
Buckinghamshire College: Y300 (10)
Canterbury: LW31, LG31, LV38, LW33, LY31, WL13, WL33, VL83, LY3C
Central Lancs: L340 (12)
Coventry: ML93
Greenwich: L322
Hertfordshire: L322
Humberside: L322 (10)
Luton: L340
Manchester Metro: L510, HL63, Y400, LT39
Middlesex: Y400
Napier: LN31
North London: L310
Paisley: L310
Southampton Inst: L322
South Bank: BL93, L322, LQ33
Strathclyde: Y440 (18)
Sunderland: L322
Thames Valley: L322
UWE: L322, LG05

SOCIAL WORK
Anglia: L510
Gwent: B999

SOCIOLOGY
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll: V8L3
City: L300 (18), PLA3 (20)
Greenwich: C8L3, L300, LL31, L3L1, L3L7, L1L3
Kent: L300 (16)
Leeds: LV37 (22), LL34 (20), L300 (20)
London, Guildhall: Y400
Middlesex: Y400
Portsmouth: L300
Salford: LM31 (18), L300 (18), L3Y6 (18)
Sunderland: W341 (12)
St Mary's: CL13 (4), WLL3 (4), FL83 (4), LQ35 (4), GL13 (4), VL83 (4)
Teesside: L300, LL73
UWE: L300

SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES
SOAS: T500 (20)

SPANISH/ SPANISH STUDIES
Aberystwyth: R400 (18)
Bradford: RR48, RR14,
Buckingham: Y220
Buckinghamshire Coll: N1R4 (14)
Greenwich: NR54
Hull: R401 (14)
Humberside: N1R4, NR14
Kingston: RR14 (12), MR94 (10)
London, QMW: H1R4 (12), H2R4 (10), H3R4 (12)
London, Guildhall: Y400
Middlesex: Y400
Northumbria: RR14, RR24, RR42, RR48, RR84
Portsmouth: RR46, RR45, R410, RR34
Southampton: R400 (14)
Thames Valley: LR14, RRC4
Westminster: N8R4, RT46, T3R4, QR34, RR14, RR24, RR34, RR48, RR41
Wolverhampton: Y600
UCL: R400 (20)
UMIST: F1R4 (16)
UWE: RR14, RR24, RRCK, RRFK

SWEDISH
Wales, Lampeter: R720

TAMIL STUDIES
SOAS: T517 (20)

THAI STUDIES
SOAS: T555 (20)

THEATRE STUDIES
Bretton Hall, Leeds: W420
Darlington: W3W4, W438
Glamorgan: WP44
Huddersfield: W420, WP43
London, RH: W420 (24)
Rose Bruford: W430, W4W3, W431, W432, W4W2, W421, W4WF, W4W6, W350
UC Scarborough: W4F9, W4W1, W4W3, W430, W4G9, W4L3, W4Q3, W4V1, W4V8, F9W4
Ulster: W420 (16)

THEOLOGY
Greenwich: V800
Kent: VV18 (18)
St Mary's: V800 (12), VC81 (4), VF81 (4), VQ88 (4), VW84 (4), QV58 (4), GV18 (4), VL83 (4)
Wales, Lampeter: V800

TOURISM AND TRAVEL
Bangor: N740
Bournemouth: N640,
Buckingham: N1P7 (12)
Cardiff Inst: N740 (12)
Central Lancs: P700 (12)
Humberside: N740 (12), N741 (12), P7M9 (12)
Hertfordshire: N741
Manchester Metro: N723,
Plymouth: P700
Strathclyde: N720 (18)
UC Scarborough: XP87
Ulster: N740 (14)
Westminster: NK74

TOWN PLANNING
Dundee: K420 (14)
Heriot-Watt: K440
South Bank: K440
Southampton: L184 (14)
Strathclyde: K450 (18)
Westminster: K460
UWE: K401

TURKISH
SOAS: T680 (22)

URBAN STUDIES
Anglia: K460
Bangor: Y401
Glamorgan: N800
Greenwich: K420
Humberside: L399 (12)
Kingston: N800 (4)
North London: K460
Sheffield Hallam: N800, K460
Southampton: L184 (14)
UWE: K464

URDU STUDIES
SOAS: T535 (20), T537 (20)

VIETNAMESE STUDIES
SOAS: T560 (20)

VISUAL ARTS/STUDIES
Lancaster: W100 (16), W150 (14)

WELSH STUDIES
Cardiff Inst: E7Q5
Wales, Lampeter: Q520, Q512

WOMEN'S STUDIES
Bradford: LM49, MJ99
Coventry: ML93
Central Lancs: W299 (10)
Glamorgan: M903 (10)
Luton: M900, L455
Middlesex: Y400
Sheffield Hallam: M903
Worcester: Y100 (6)
Wolverhampton: Y600
UWE: M903

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NEWS

Railtrack plans 50 per cent working

■ Railtrack believes that it is on the verge of breaking the strategically-important barrier of keeping more than half the rail network open on strike days. It hopes that there will then be a flood of signallers returning to work.

The company is to step up its efforts to persuade strikers to return, after clashing bitterly with union leaders over the numbers working through the latest 24 hour strike ..... **Page 1**

Condon rules out phone inquiry

■ Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, ruled out an inquiry into the leak of the investigation into nuisance telephone calls from Kensington Palace. The Commissioner promised that any evidence of police malpractice would be thoroughly investigated. He said that no minister had been involved as a go-between ..... **Page 1**

University vacancies

An unprecedented scramble for university places starts today, with admissions officers reporting a surprise increase in vacancies ..... **Pages 1, 18, 19**

Postal 'scare'

Labour was accused of " blatant scaremongering" after it produced a survey showing concern among postmasters about the effects of privatisation on rural subpost offices..... **Page 2**

Sacking row

A caretaker employed by a south London council where 10 per cent of the residents were from ethnic minorities was sacked after being seen chanting British National Party slogans..... **Page 2**

Monastery winner

A recording by Spanish Benedictine monks, *Canto Gregoriano*, is the surprise hit of the summer, lodging for 21 weeks in the US *Billboard* Top Twenty..... **Page 2**

Body found

Police helped by a team of archaeologists discovered human remains in a garden at Coalville, Leicestershire, as they searched for a woman who disappeared 16 years ago ..... **Page 3**

Youthful figures

Children are getting taller and heavier, have better teeth and can expect to live longer than their parents, says the Central Statistical Office..... **Page 4**

Blood centres close

A third of the blood transfusion centres in England are to be closed in a reorganisation to improve efficiency and save £10 million a year ..... **Page 5**

Jumbo near miss

A jumbo jet carrying more than 200 people came within 500ft of crashing on to a crowded terminal at Gatwick when an automatic landing system failed ... **Page 6**

Nazi remembered

Romanians marked the 50th anniversary of the fall of Ion Antonescu, the pro-Nazi dictator ousted by King Michael ... **Page 7**

Desperate Serbs

While Bosnian Serb leaders are telling their people that they have a stark choice between liberty or death an air of increasing desperation pervades the corridors of power in Belgrade..... **Page 7**

Senate battle

Senate Republicans tried to sabotage President Clinton's crime Bill to rob him of the prestige gained after its successful passage at the second attempt through the House of Representatives..... **Page 8**

Women protest

A crowd of protesting former "comfort women" set the tone for an Asian tour by Tomiichi Murayama, Japan's Prime Minister, as he arrived in the Philippines ..... **Page 9**

Top dogs take on the police

■ The Queen's corgis, renowned for their vicious streaks, showed their teeth again in a confrontation with a police alsatian beside the tarmac at Heathrow airport. Only the prompt action of a royal aide prevented a fight breaking out just minutes before the Queen landed from a ten-day visit to Canada. The royal party then left for Scotland ..... **Page 3**

JULIAN HERBERT



Three Siberian tiger cubs, Alexi, Oscar and Rudi, making their first public appearance yesterday after their birth 10 days ago at Marwell Zoo, Hampshire. There are only about 400 Siberian tigers left in the wild but more than 600 in captivity

BUSINESS

Lloyd's: Names could face losses of £1 billion for the 1992 underwriting year, according to a market-wide survey by Chaiset, the independent Lloyd's analyst ..... **Page 21**

NFC: The head of the former National Freight Consortium and owner of the Pickfords removals business, shocked the City by resigning abruptly after just 18 months in the job..... **Page 21**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 3.8 points to close at 3175.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 78.2 to 78.6 after a rise from $1.5510 to $1.5535 and from DM2.3749 to DM2.3888 .... **Page 24**

Commonwealth Games: Nick Gillingham cast aside the pain of defeat in 1990 to win his first Commonwealth title in the 200 metres breaststroke..... **Page 38**

Simon Barnes: Sport is haunted by the spirit of pusillanimity: smallness of the soul. To play sport is to play safe. All-out attack? More than my job's worth, guv. However, time and again up and at'em works and the conventional weighing of percentages fails..... **Page 36**

Racing: The 1995 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket will make history as the first English classic to take place on a Sunday..... **Page 37**

Too big: The Carnival is supposed to be a high point of West Indian culture but the annual invasion means Notting Hill's residents are not dancing for joy ..... **Page 10**

Territorial suspicion: "The Princess of Wales had a friend. He happened to be a man: some people do, it can't be helped," Libby Purves writes..... **Page 11**

Brief lives: The depressing news from Zaire and Rwanda is brought daily to our sitting rooms. How do the journalists cope? Sue Saville reports..... **Page 28**

Merce at 75: As his company prepares for the Edinburgh Festival, Merce Cunningham — still the world's most charismatic choreographer — talks about a lifetime of breaking the rules..... **Page 31**

Young maestro: Mark Wigglesworth, the young British conductor, has been appointed principal conductor of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales..... **Page 30**

Macunian canvas: Manchester has mounted an exhibition devoted to the paintings of Adolphe Valette, the French Impressionist who was able to make this city look beautiful..... **Page 29**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Ernesto Zedillo of the ruling PRI party, won Mexico's general election after allegations by the opposition of electoral fraud
Page 8



Jilly Cooper was reprimanded by a judge after sending him a fax pleading for the life of a condemned pit-bull dog
Page 3



Walter Boobyer, 80, who was savagely beaten by two men who he caught stealing his prized chrysanthemums from his greenhouse
Page 3

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Novel ideas for August

■ New fiction: Iain Sinclair, Alice Thomas Ellis, Alain de Botton and Claire Messud. Plus: an open letter to Tony Blair from Gerald Kaufman

Flying the British flag

■ From goggled pioneers with canvas and string to Concorde — a 24-page colour supplement celebrating 75 years of British Airways

Wolf at the door

■ Audiences have been expecting Jack Nicholson to turn into a werewolf for some years now. In *Wolf* it finally happens. Geoff Brown reviews the film

The experiences of four Japanese children left behind in China after the war: *Orphans of Manchuria* (Channel 4, 9pm) ..... **Page 39**

Milked of its market

The Government's plans for deregulation of the milk industry are barely worthy of the name. The legislation will simply replace one monopoly with another ..... **Page 13**

Mexico's mandate

Señor Zedillo is the first presidential candidate from the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) to win with less than 50 per cent of the vote ..... **Page 13**

Britain's tomorrow

What will this generation of ren be like as adults? "greener" than their parents; bly thriftier; certainly com literate. The only danger i they will turn out far too pl with themselves..... **Page**

SIMON JENKINS

Sir Patrick Mayhew may n twiddling his thumbs, but because he is sitting on his hands waiting for the IRA. But Gerry Adams is not his own man. He took seven months to make a statement on the declaration, and then produced a fudge ..... **Page 12**

ALAN COREN

This business has distressed me more than words can say. I am typing in a baseball cap ..... **Page 12**

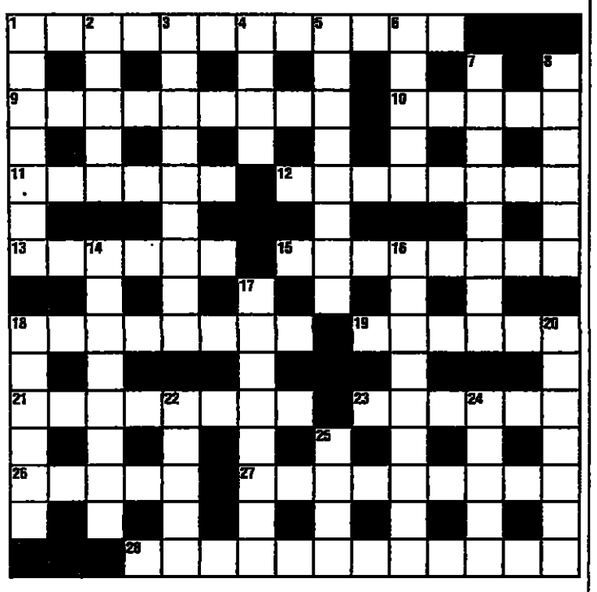
Vazgen I, Patriarch of Etchmiadzin; **Shlomo Zabludowicz**, Finnish arms manufacturer; **Dorothy Grenfell Williams**, former Head of the BBC African Service..... **Page 15**

A levels: easier exams or harder working candidates?..... **Page 13**

The wholesale killings in Rwanda, in sad fact, occurred after years of peacemaking efforts by the UN and, despite the witnessing presence of UN helmets, Burundi's destiny will be determined by the people of Burundi. —*New York Times*

What the president calls the toughest, smartest crime bill in federal history is unlikely to have a traceable effect upon the national crime rate —*Washington Post*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,629



ACROSS

1 Open letter to writer introducing novel hero (12).
9 Painter's colic due to planetary influence (9).
10 Question marks say comparing this with religion? (5).
11 Sally in charge (6).
12 Enthusiast has run in used car, perhaps (8).
13 Windfall led him into speculation (6).
15 The cure for love? (8).
18 A model wife when the King takes ladies out (8).
19 Sewer is responsible for this complaint (6)
21 It takes a crank to give up a large sum (8).
23 Perfect answer (6)
26 Foreign character gathers in money (5).
27 Disconcerted by initial lack of power (9).
28 Ultimately how Pheidippides made history (2,3,4,3).

DOWN

1 Garland suspended between two points of stone bust (7).
2 He pretends to make a living (5).
3 Running along the roads — it's said to control the weight (9).
4 Fix for slow one not to start (4).
5 Tree from which you can see river wind away West (8).
6 Clubs imposing restrictions (5).
7 Such a slowcoach can go to the devil (8).
8 Fine a dealer closing early (6).
14 Hold on for growth? (4-1-3).
16 Trespass makes union stir (9).
17 Urge a pretty girl to come round one day (8).
18 Got out of vehicle — a modest one (2-4).
20 This old bird's days were peaceful (7).
22 Recognised as famous (5).
24 One leading an ordered life (5).
25 Security at risk from delivery man? (4).

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 14 per cent of the competitors at the 1994 Birmingham regional final of The Times Knockando Crossword Championship.

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,628

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T	R	E	S	S		U	N	G	A	L	L	A	N	T
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Southampton, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Orsay, off western Scotland, 15C (59F); highest rainfall: Ronaldsway, Isle of Man, 0.13in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, and Kinloss, Moray Firth, 12hr

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☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a day of sunny intervals and showers which will become widespread, and locally heavy, with thunder and hail.

Rain in northern Scotland will slowly die out to the northeast, leaving a mainly dry day with sunny intervals. The rest of Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers.

☐ **London, SE England, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Central N England:** showers, locally heavy with thunder and hail. Wind southwest, moderate to fresh. Feeling cooler, max 19C to 21C (66F to 70F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England:** sunny start, showers later. Wind southwest, moderate to fresh. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England:** showers, locally heavy, cloud and rain later. Wind southwest, fresh to strong. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** showers, locally heavy with thunder and hail. Wind south to southwest, light to moderate. Max 16C (61f).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney:** rain clearing, then sunny intervals. Wind light, variable. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Shetland:** rain, coastal mist patches. Wind southeast, fresh to strong. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** Showers, locally heavy with hail and thunder.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; r=rain; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

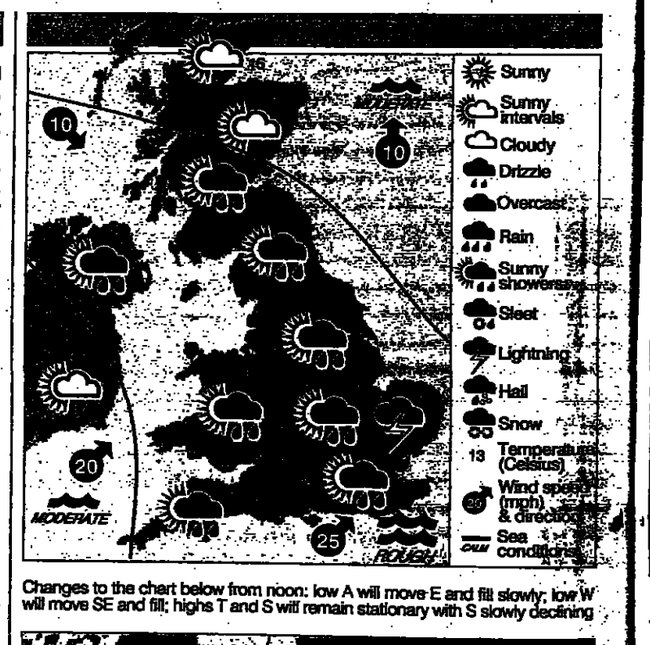
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Aberdeen	7.9	-	19	66	b	
Anglesey	3.6	0.05	23	73	b	
Aspatria	2.7	-	21	70	c	
Aviemore	4.8	-	21	70	b	
Belfast	1.0	0.12	18	64	r	
Birmingham	7.5	-	25	77	b	
Bognor R	6.1	-	25	77	s	
Bournem'th	5.6	-	25	77	s	
Bristol	4.3	-	29	79	b	
Buxton	6.7	-	21	70	s	
Cardiff	6.7	-	23	73	b	
Clacton	3.0	-	19	66	b	
Cleethorpes	11.3	-	19	66	s	
Colwyn Bay	3.7	-	24	75	s	
Cromer	7.5	-	19	66	s	
Doncaster	8.6	-	23	73	s	
Eastbourne	5.1	-	23	73	b	
Edinburgh	2.4	-	22	72	b	
Eskdalemuir	2.9	-	19	66	c	
Exmouth	4.0	-	21	70	b	
Falmouth	X	0.02	19	66	d	
Fishguard	5.7	0.07	22	72	b	
Folkestone	X	-	23	73	b	
Glasgow	1.7	0.06	18	64	r	
Guernsey	9.3	-	22	72	s	
Hastings	5.4	-	24	75	b	
Hayling I.	5.2	-	25	77	c	
Herne Bay	5.9	-	21	70	b	
Hove	7.6	-	26	79	b	
Hunstanton	X	-	20	68	s	
Isle of Man	3.7	0.13	16	64	r	
Jersey	7.6	-	22	72	s	
Kinloss	11.5	-	22	72	s	
Leeds	7.6	-	22	72	b	
Lerwick	11.5	-	15	59	s	
Littlehmptn	5.3	-	25	77	b	
Liverpool	8.0	-	23	73	s	
London	6.4	-	24	75	b	

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Lowestoft	5.3	-	20	68	s	
Manchester	6.2	-	24	75	s	
Margate	5.1	-	22	72	s	
Minehead	5.2	-	23	73	b	
Morecambe	4.0	-	23	73	c	
Newcastle	10.2	-	19	66	s	
Newquay	4.8	-	22	72	b	
Norwich	4.7	-	21	70	b	
Nottingham	9.7	-	23	73	b	
Oxford	8.2	-	26	79	s	
Penzance	X					
Plymouth	5.1	-	21	70	b	
Poole	6.3	-	25	77	b	
Prestatyn	X	-	25	77	b	
Ross-o-wye	8.1	0.01	25	77	s	
Ryde	4.4	-	24	75	s	
Salcombe	2.9	-	21	70	b	
Sandown	4.3	-	23	73	b	
Saunin Snd	6.1	-	25	77	s	
Scarboro'	9.6	-	17	63	s	
Scilly Isles	2.3	-	20	68	c	
Shanklin	4.7	-	23	73	b	
Shrewsbury	X					
Skegness	9.0	-	19	66	s	
Southend	X					
Southport	6.4	-	23	73	b	
Southsea	3.8	-	24	75	s	
Stornoway	7.0	0.01	18	64	r	
Swanage	5.0	-	22	72	s	
Teignmouth	4.9	-	20	68	b	
Tenby	4.6	0.02	20	68	b	
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Torquay	5.0	-	22	72	s	
Tynemouth	10.9	-	16	61	s	
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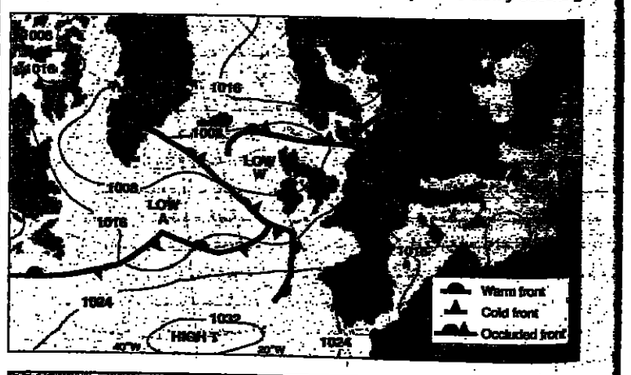
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Ajaccio	33	91	s	C'hagen	21	70	s	Madrid	31	88	s	Riyadh	42	108	s
Akrotiri	32	90	s	Corfu	34	93	s	Majorca	32	90	s	Rome	31	88	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dublin	18	64	r	Malaga	37	99	s	Salzburg	29	84	s
Algiers	35	95	s	Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Malta	33	91	s	S F'isco	19	66	s
Amst'dm	19	66	c	Faro	26	79	s	Melb'rne	11	52	t	Santiago	14	57	s
Athens	34	93	s	Florence	32	90	s	Mexico C	22	72	s	S Paulo	28	82	s
Bahrain	36	97	s	Frankfurt	25	77	s	Miami	33	91	t	Seoul	31	88	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Funchal	25	77	s	Milan	31	88	s	Sing'por	32	90	t
Barbados	-	-		Geneva	28	82	c	Montreal	17	63	f	St'kholm	18	64	c
Barcelona	28	82	f	Gibraltar	29	84	s	Moscow	14	57	c	Strasb'rg	27	81	f
Beirut	30	86	f	Helsinki	19	66	f	Munich	28	82	f	Sydney	22	72	s
Belgrade	26	79	t	Hong K	32	90	s	Nairobi	24	75	f	Tangier	24	75	s
Berlin	24	75	s	Innsbrck	27	81	f	Naples	32	90	s	Tel Aviv	31	88	s
Bermuda	28	82	f	Istanbul	32	90	s	N Delhi	25	77	t	Tenerife	24	75	s
Biarritz	24	75	f	Jaddah	35	95	s	N York	20	68	r	Tokyo	29	84	c
Borde'x	25	77	f	Jo'burg	14	57	s	Nice	29	84	s	Toronto	23	73	t
Brussels	24	75	f	Karachi	31	88	f	Oslo	21	70	f	Tunis	29	102	s
Budapst	23	84	s	L.Palmas	25	77	f	Paris	26	79	t	Valencia	30	102	s
B Aires	13	55	s	Le Toquet	21	70	f	Peking	29	84	s	Vanc'ver	17	63	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Lisbon	27	81	s	Perth	18	64	s	Venice	29	84	s
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Locarno	28	82	c	Prague	17	63	f	Vienna	27	81	s
Chicago	26	79	s	L Angels	24	75	c	Reykjavik	13	55	s	Warsaw	21	70	s
Ch'church	-	-		Luxembrg	24	75	f	Rhodes	34	93	s	Wash'ton	24	75	f
Cologne	25	77	t	Luxor	40	104	s	Rio de J	31	88	s	Zurich	27	81	f

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: low A will move E and fill slowly; low W will move SE and fill; highs T and S will remain stationary with S slowly declining



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London Bridge	3.26	7.2	3.34	7.1	Liverpool	12.34	9.6	12.57	9.1
Aberdeen	2.41	4.3	3.11	4.1	Lowestoft	10.53	2.6	11.31	2.8
Avonmouth	8.55	13.3	9.10	13.4	Margate	1.47	4.7	1.49	4.7
Belfast	12.26	3.6	12.47	3.3	Milford Haven	7.50	6.7	8.07	6.8
Cardiff	8.40	12.17	8.57	12.22	Newquay	6.40	6.8	6.58	6.9
Devonport	7.28	5.2	7.39	5.4	Oban	7.10	3.9	7.41	4.0
Dover	12.41	6.6	12.54	6.8	Penzance	6.27	5.3	6.41	5.5
Falmouth	6.56	5.0	7.09	5.2	Portland	8.30	2.0	8.43	2.1
Glasgow	2.31	5.1	2.50	4.7	Portsmouth	12.45	4.7	1.09	4.7
Harwich	1.24	4.0	1.33	3.9	Shoreham	12.02	5.3	-	-
Holyhead	12.00	5.3	-	-	Southampton	12.06	4.4	12.25	4.4
Hull	7.48	7.78	8.17	7.20	Swansea	7.54	9.3	8.10	9.4
Ilfracombe	7.34	9.6	7.50	9.14	Tees	5.08	5.4	5.37	5.1
King's Lynn	7.54	6.9	7.55	6.5	Wilton-on-Nze	1.20	4.1	1.31	4.1
Leith	4.08	5.6	4.34	5.4					

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Sun rises: 6.00 am
Sun sets: 8.05 pm
Moon sets: 9.41 am
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London 8.05 pm to 6.00 am
Bristol 8.15 pm to 6.10 am
Edinburgh 8.28 pm to 6.01 am
Manchester 8.16 pm to 6.04 am
Penzance 8.24 pm to 6.24 am

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NFC chief steps down after boardroom disputes



Sherlock: huge payoff likely

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE chief executive of NFC, the former National Freight Consortium and owner of the Pickfords removals business, shocked the City by resigning abruptly after just 18 months in the job. Peter Sherlock is expected in due course to become the latest recipient of a huge pay-off after negotiations between the company and his lawyers.

His departure, believed to be forced after disputes with most of the rest of the board, sent NFC's share price into sharp decline. The shares ended 14½p lower at 185½p. More than 80 per cent of the workforce own shares, following the 1982 management buy-out.

Another member of the board, Robbie Burns, will not now be leaving at the end of next month. Instead, Mr Burns, the head of the UK transport and logistics business, will remain as an executive director. He was the main internal candidate in the race for the job that Mr Sherlock in the event secured, and his earlier resignation was seen as a consequence of the latter's appointment.

Both men were said by NFC to be unavailable last night, and the company refused to comment further. A spokeswoman said only that Mr Sherlock's departure was "one of those instances where you appoint someone new and it simply does not work out". She would not say what salary he enjoyed. But NFC's latest accounts show that the highest-paid director, almost certainly Mr Sherlock, earned a salary of £254,618. He was also on a three-year rolling contract of the type being opposed by several City institutions.

As a result, his total entitlement would be £750,000, or higher if his salary was increased since the last financial year. In addition, there may be contributions due to his pension. The accounts show that £82,000 was paid to an external pension fund on his behalf. His share options, however, are worthless because of the poor performance of the shares.

NFC has reshuffled its board to limit the damage. Until a new chief executive is found, James Watson, the chairman, will increase his executive responsibilities and Trevor Larman, the finance director, will chair the management committee.

Mr Watson said: "This does not reflect any change from our strategic direction and plan, which is well founded."

NFC said results for the first three quarters of the current financial year, to be announced on September 7, would show pre-tax profits, before exceptionals, of £76.6 million, up from £62.3 million and including a UK pensions credit increased by £1.5 million to £18.9 million. Earnings per share will rise from 8.2p to 8.8p.

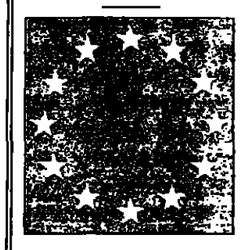
The company accompanied yesterday's news with a business update. It said trading since the half-year end had been in line with expectations in the main parts of the business. But in mainland Europe, trading had not recovered as expected, while shortages of skilled drivers in North America had led to "some reduction from anticipated levels of profitability".

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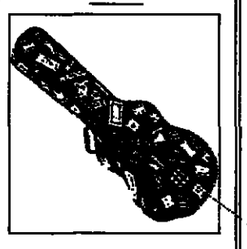


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Survey shows £1bn Lloyd's loss for 1992

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London names could face losses of £1 billion for the 1992 underwriting year, according to a market-wide survey by Chatset, the independent Lloyd's analyst.

The loss, which will hit names next summer, follows a loss of £2.01 billion for the 1991 underwriting year and will be the market's fifth successive year of horrendous losses. The loss will push the deficit shouldered by the society since 1988 above £8 billion.

Chatset estimates that names still have to pay out £2.4 billion relating to the last two years' losses, demands for which have been deferred; next summer's £1 billion loss means names still have to find a further £3.4 billion to meet their insurance debts.

The analyst's forecast conflicts with remarks made in May by David Rowland, chairman at Lloyd's. He said 1992 was expected to show a "modest overall loss". Lloyd's refused to comment on Chatset's forecasts.

Chatset, which has a successful track record in predicting Lloyd's losses, forecasts a "small profit" for the 1993 underwriting year.

Chatset breaks down its forecasts between "pure year" results and a deterioration in losses from old years. It expects 1992 to record a pure year loss of £135 million and 1993 a pure year profit of £800 million. These figures relate solely to risks insured in the relevant underwriting year without factoring in open year losses still feeding through.

In contrast to previous years, 1992 was a relatively catastrophe-free year — except for Hurricane Andrew in Florida, which cost $18 billion to insurers worldwide but of which relatively little fell on Lloyd's names. The bulk of 1992 £1 billion loss is expected to emanate from open years.

Charles Sturge, co-founder of Chatset, said he expected open-year losses of £750 million in 1992, which together with lower investment returns will push the market's overall loss for the year up to £1 billion. The analyst expects the bulk of the 1993 pure year profit of £800 million to be eroded by open year losses and the impact of lower interest rates on investments.

Mr Sturge said in 1993 investment returns totalled about £720 million but the first half of 1994 has produced a "dismal" return, which will adversely affect investment returns for the 1992 and 1993 underwriting years. Chatset also drew attention to the rising problem of bad debts.

Mr Sturge said while the market was expected to make an overall profit for 1993 the situation at the names' level would be very different. "It is going to be very unevenly spread. Those names still underwriting are likely to make a profit while those names on open years will probably make a loss," he said.

Mr Sturge said there will come a time when Lloyd's has to make a choice between either imposing a further levy on names to help meet names' unpaid debts or letting policies fail. "That is the only way they will be able to achieve solvency. We think it very unlikely that they will impose a levy because it will not be acceptable to the 1994 names, particularly the corporate capital names," he warned.



Chatset's Charles Sturge, left, and John Rew yesterday



Clare Spottiswoode can call on Ofgas's expert panel

MMC inquiry member joins Ofgas experts

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

CLARE Spottiswoode, the director-general of Ofgas, has appointed Michael Beesley as a consultant to the regulatory authority.

The appointment of Professor Beesley, emeritus professor of economics at the London Business School, is unlikely to receive a warm welcome from British Gas. He sat on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission panel that investigated British Gas in 1992-93 and so has a rare and effectively privileged perspective on British Gas's business strategies. The appointment thus raises the possibility of conflicts of interest.

Professor Beesley is a newly appointed member of a hitherto undisclosed panel of experts whose services Ofgas calls upon from time to time.

An Ofgas spokesman admitted that the professor's appointment was a "fairly recent" development and said that he had joined "a seven-member panel of experts — mostly economists — which we use from time to time".

Ofgas said that members of the panel are employed for up to ten days a year and paid at an hourly rate. The spokesman declined to specify Professor Beesley's fees.

Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas, played a diplomatic straight bat to Professor Beesley's new-found links with the company's regulator. He said: "With 12 months' involvement in the MMC inquiry into the gas industry, Professor Beesley will bring a great deal of knowledge of the industry to his role."

Others on the Ofgas panel are James Ball (Gas Strategies); Martin Cave (Brunel University); Ronald Hopper (AUS Consultants); John Kay (London School of Economics); Catherine Price (Leicester University); and George Yarrow (Hertford College, Oxford). Most were appointed at the turn of the year. Ms Price joined in June, and Professor Beesley last month. Ofgas said that all appointments are "for this calendar year only".

Professor Beesley recently edited *Regulating Utilities: The Way Forward*.

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High-flyers find diamonds aren't forever

BY ROBERT MILLER

PETER LILLEY, Social Security Secretary, moved yesterday to close a loophole that has allowed companies to save millions of pounds on National Insurance contributions. From midnight bonuses paid in diamonds or fine wines became subject to the tax.

This method of paying bonuses has been used by nearly all the leading financial institutions and has cost the Exchequer millions of pounds in lost revenue.

Announcing the move, Mr Lilley said: "Companies and their accountant advisers who devise ways of paying earnings which avoid their liability for National Insurance contributions will find it increasingly unattractive to produce and operate such schemes. These regulations are clear evidence of the Government's intention to act speedily to close National Insurance loopholes if they come to light."

In his Budget last November, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, acted to stop avoidance schemes using gold bullion and other tradeable commodities to pay NI-free bonuses. But Andrew McMichen, a legal and tax consultant at Kingston Smith, the accountant, said: "The thrust of last November's anti-avoidance measures didn't go wide enough. Then the rules said that employees could not receive NI-free bonuses if they could be traded-in immediately for cash on a recognised investment exchange. But there are no such exchanges for alcohol and diamonds. Hence Mr Lilley's action."

David Major, a tax partner at Touche Ross, the accountant, said: "The cost of these avoidance schemes in lost NI contributions has run into millions of pounds. But there are still ways in which NI payments on bonuses could be avoided. For example, employers could pay their employees bonuses through special retirement benefit schemes."

Peter Doboff of Doboff and Co, a tax specialist, said: "employers could pay certain staff bonuses through additional contributions to life assurance bonds, or in the form of expensive cars or works of art."

The fine wine and diamond NI avoidance schemes largely replaced the gold bullion ones. While no official estimates are yet available on what the new schemes have cost the Exchequer, the closing of the gold bullion loophole last November is expected to yield £200 million in the current financial year.

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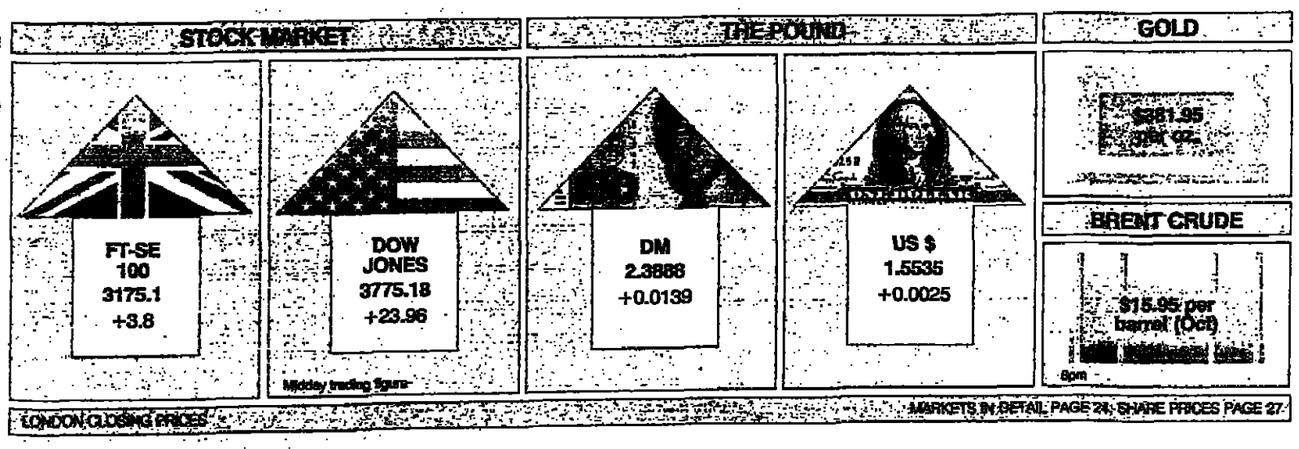
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Workfare 'will increase public-sector jobs'

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government's introduction of US-style workfare schemes, aimed at cutting unemployment and forcing people back to work, would lead to a Conservative administration creating rather than cutting guaranteed public sector jobs, trade union leaders are suggesting.

Senior Government ministers have repeatedly denied that they are to introduce to Britian workfare programmes, under which the unemployed have to work or lose their benefit.

But Labour party and trade union leaders believe that the shift from present unemployment benefits to the new Job Seeker's Allowance will provide the Government with the opportunity to bring in American-style schemes — possibly as pilot programmes.

The Government will publish a White Paper in the autumn detailing the operation of the new allowance.

In advance of that, union leaders are making clear their opposition to workfare in draft evidence to the Commons' all-party employment committee, which is to mount a Parliamentary inquiry into workfare and the right to work, to which business organisations and others will be asked to give evidence.

Confidential draft evidence prepared by the Trades Union Congress, which opens its annual conference in Blackpool in ten days, says that workfare in the UK would be complicated and expensive, and that it is "surprised" the idea is supported by politicians who oppose the expansion of the public sector.

Since workfare cannot succeed unless there are jobs which unemployed people can be compelled to do, the TUC says, and since the Government cannot compel the private sector to create such jobs, "workfare ultimately leads to guaranteed public sector jobs".

In their document, obtained by *The Times*, the unions note this is why some right-wing politicians in America have opposed the workfare proposals put forward by President Clinton as part of his welfare reforms.

The TUC says that a period of high unemployment is the "worst possible time" to introduce workfare and other forms of benefit coercion. Workfare participants would have little time for job search, would be mistrusted by people with whom they were working and would be "despised by the general public as layabouts who had to be forced to work".

Union leaders believe the unemployed are not responsible for their unemployment and should not be penalised for it — indeed, workers who have paid their taxes and social insurance contributions are entitled to unemployment benefit when they need it.

The TUC's draft document, approved by its general council, says "Britain's most important problem is an insufficient supply of appropriate jobs, not lazy claimants". Unions intend to use their opposition to any workfare proposals as part of a planned campaign against the Government's new Job Seeker's Allowance.

Hope of German rate cut revived

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

HOPE of further easing in German monetary policy, after last week's decision to leave key interest rates unchanged, has been rekindled by remarks of senior Bundesbank officials.

Otmar Issing, a member of the central bank's policy-setting council, dismissed market concern about implications of German inflation picking up again in August, while an unidentified Bundesbank official was yesterday quoted as saying that the slowdown in inflation was intact.

The official said that German consumer price inflation, which fell below 3 per cent last month, could edge back up above 3 per cent this month. The Bundesbank, he said, had had "no particular need to act" on rates, and cutting official rates then, or reverting to variable repurchase rates, would have restricted scope for further cuts.

European Union inflation in July touched a seven-year low of 3 per cent, falling two percentage points from June, the European Commission's statistics office said. It was the first drop in the annual rate in five months, and takes the figure to its lowest since March 1987, Eurostat said.

All EU countries except Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece met the inflation target for a single currency set out in the Maastricht treaty. All four applicant states, Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway, also qualify.

Herr Issing said that the Germans should shrug off the rise in commodity prices, and, for inflation, the "downward tendency should continue". He said that consumer prices were currently affected by increases caused by external factors in the price of petrol, coffee and other consumer goods, but that internal factors would continue to offset the effect.

On European inflation, he said that prospects were, on the whole, good. *Prices had not been as* contained as now for some time, and this situation looked like continuing next year.

Last week's Bundesbank decision had been widely seen as signalling the end of the road for German rate cuts, especially as forecasts for economic growth were being upgraded.

British Coal signals final job losses before privatisation

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Coal signalled new job losses yesterday — with more job cuts expected today — and readied itself for a fresh effort to persuade mineworkers to agree to flexible working in return for large, guaranteed redundancy payments before privatisation of the industry.

The company started formal consultations with employees ahead of privatisation, and took the opportunity to indicate that more jobs would be lost in the run-up to the sale of the industry this year.

Kevan Hunt, British Coal's employee relations director, told mining unions that the sale of the corporation's 16 remaining working pits was on schedule, and should be complete by the end of the year.

He then warned that the run-up to privatisation would see further job losses. He could put no firm figures on the likely cuts, but said they were expected to be limited to management and clerical staff based at British Coal's national, regional and group headquarters.

The corporation now employs about 6,000 white-collar staff, and about 8,000 mineworkers, following a long series of pit closures.

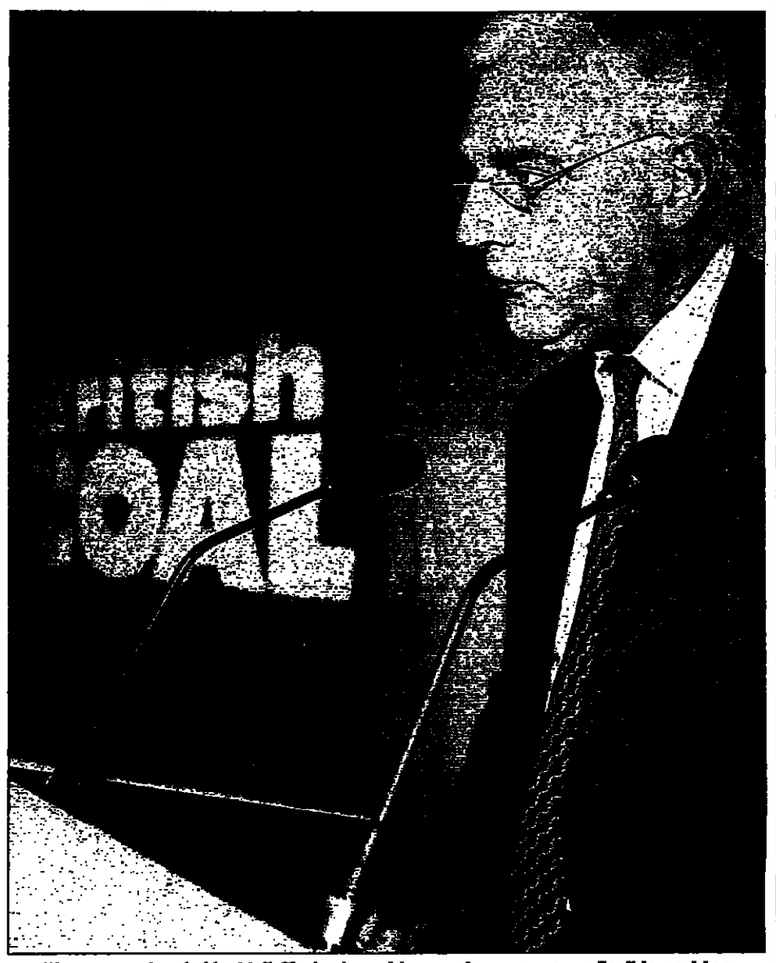
Leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers and of Nacods, the pit deputies' union, will be given similar warnings today, though the number of job losses among mineworking grades is likely to be small. Mr Hunt said that because of the actions already taken by British Coal to get the business into shape in advance of privatisation, further job losses would be limited.

Precise details of job losses cannot be worked out until British Coal, chaired by Neil Clarke, has held talks with its successor coal companies. The corporation will this week begin a fresh push to persuade mineworkers to accept flexible working. Originally, it said that miners who failed to agree to flexible working by a deadline set in May would not qualify for the enhanced redundancy payments on offer: lump-sums of up to £6,000 and guaranteed redundancy money up to 1998.

But following a legal challenge by Nacods, British Coal has extended the deadline to the end of this month, and will push afresh at the 2,000 employees — blue- and white-collar — who have not yet signed up to formalised flexible working to do so.

Mr Hunt said: "It is important for all our employees to understand that those who transfer to a successor company do so on their terms and conditions at the time of the transfer." Those who did not sign up by August 31 would lose the opportunity. Those who had not yet signed should "seriously focus their attention" over the next few days. "After that, it will be too late."

British Coal insisted that mineworkers and colliery officials who failed to sign up to flexible working by next week's deadline would transfer to their new employers without the contractual benefits.



The corporation, led by Neil Clarke, is pushing employees to accept flexible working

Manufacturers report rise in capital spending

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MANUFACTURING industry's capital spending rose in the second quarter providing a welcome but by no means conclusive sign that investment may finally be starting to respond to more than two years of economic recovery.

Central Statistical Office figures yesterday showed the total value of capital expenditure rose to £2.79 billion in the second quarter against £2.68 billion in the first.

One of the big worries about the nature of the current economic recovery has been the slowness of investment to pick up any kind of momentum. With growth in consumer spending slowing — to 0.4 per cent between the first and second quarters from rates of 1 per cent in the second half of last year — the Government is increasingly looking to investment to take up the slack.

Figures on Monday showed gross fixed capital formation, *which takes in services as well* as manufacturing, actually fell 0.3 per cent between the first and second quarters.

In this context, yesterday's figures looked a little more encouraging. However, there was a rise in capital spending between the first and second quarters of 1992 which was then followed by two full years of falling spending. Apart from that rise in early 1992, capital spending has been declining, quarter on quarter, since the end of 1989.

The CSO said capital spending in the year to the second quarter 1994 was 3 per cent lower than the previous four quarters. Between the two periods, *spending on building* work was up 4 per cent and that on vehicles rose 8 per cent but investment in plant and machinery fell 5 per cent.

Separate figures yesterday showed stocks and work in progress in the production and distribution industries rose £173 million in the second quarter, similar to the £175 million rise in the previous quarter.

Stora surges on UK newsprint demand

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

STORA, the Swedish paper, pulp and packaging group, helped by strong demand for newsprint in Britain, boosted its first-half profit, after financial items, to SKr1.51 billion (£129 million), quintupling last year's half- way earnings.

Operating profit rose *strongly to SKr2.14 billion* from SKr840 million, despite a SKr1.845 billion fall in gross sales to SKr23.11 billion. Income per share jumped to SKr14.70 from a loss of SKr1.90.

Stora, Europe's biggest papermaker, underlined that improved earnings were primarily attributable to higher volume sales and cost-saving measures, but said prices for most product areas were lower in local currencies than during the first half of last year.

Divestments, most prominently its Tarkett flooring division, and other one-off factors contributed more than SKr600 million net towards improvement in profits.

Excluding non-recurring items, earnings were only SKr866 million stronger than last time.

Provisions, which totalled SKr305 million, included SKr105 million for the payment of a fine imposed by the European Commission for breaches of competition rules in the cartonboard market, against which Stora might appeal.

Newcomer to launch shared jets

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THOSE who believed that the corporate jet was a relic of the 1980s may soon be proved wrong. Cash-strapped companies and individuals eager to join the jet set, will be able to do so at a cut price.

Air London International, the USM-quoted air charter broker, is offering the chance to buy a share in a corporate jet through the Jet Network Company (JetCo), its new venture. Potential owners can buy as little as an eighth of a jet, giving them access at a reduced cost. JetCo will provide pilots, maintenance, hangarage, insurance and cover all operating costs.

Air London said the idea was "more in tune with the 1990s than the 1980s" and would become the "responsible" way to own a corporate jet. The new company will be 75 per cent owned by Air London with the balance held by Mike Riegel, its managing director. The group is also launching a charter business in Paris in partnership with Claude Giunta, formerly with Air France.

YRM holds talks with bankers

BY CARL MORTISHED

YRM, the loss-making company of architects, is in talks with its bankers over a refinancing that could include an equity injection. Shares in the company have climbed to 28p since their low of 17p last month, when YRM announced losses up from £1.9 million to £2.8 million.

The company confirmed in a statement yesterday that negotiations over its overdraft facility, extended until November, were continuing: "A full range of strategic options ... are under consideration, including the possibility of a refinancing," it said. Last year, YRM carried through a redundancy programme that has left it with less than half the staff it had at the peak level, in 1989.

Jeremy Rhodes, the company secretary, said the Stock Exchange had requested that the company make the statement in relation to the rise in the share price over the past month. YRM's directors control about a third of the shares, Morgan Stanley 13 per cent and Schroders 8 per cent.

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TAKE NOTICE THAT WE Austin Scott Alleyne and Alfred Brian Bates of MOORS ROWLAND, 115 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0QT were appointed Joint Liquidators of Corporate Sports (UK) Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's members held on the 12 August 1994
Dated this 18 August 1994. AUSTIN SCOTT ALLEYNE, ALFRED BRIAN BATES Joint Liquidators

GAYJON PROCESSES LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at George House, 48 George Street, Manchester, M1 4HF, at 11.00am on Tuesday 6th September 1994, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receiver under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting
Dated 18th August 1994. David Bottomley, FCA, Administrative Receiver

SPORTING ENTERTAINMENT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
TAKE NOTICE THAT WE Austin Scott Alleyne and Alfred Brian Bates of MOORS ROWLAND, 115 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0QT were appointed Joint Liquidators of Sporting Entertainment International Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's members held on the 12 August 1994. Dated this 18 August 1994. Austin Scott Alleyne, Alfred Brian Bates, Joint Liquidators.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION No 004526 of 1994 COMPANIES COURT IN THE MATTER OF SERVISAIR LIMITED and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 5th day of July 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of Servisair Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") from £7,415,000 to NIL.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr Justice Evans-Lombe at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 7th of September 1994
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. Dated this 24th day of August 1994. Mackrell & Co, Mitre House, 160 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4DD Solicitor for Servisair Limited.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 ABR PACKAGING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held on 12 September 1994 at the Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts, at 12 00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require
Dated this 12 day of August 1994
By Order of the Board R K YOUNGS, Director.

NOTICE OF CREDITORS MEETING
IN THE MATTER OF AMF INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of creditors of AMF International Limited will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambert Palace Road, London SE1 7EU on Wednesday 7 September 1994 at 11.00am for the purposes provided for in Section 96 During the period before the day on which the creditors' meeting is to be held, William Jason Huan Elles of Ernst & Young, Wessex House, 19 Threefield Lane, Southampton SO14 3QB, the Liquidator of AMF International Limited, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the affairs of the company as they may reasonably require
Dated this Sixteenth day of August 1994
W J H Elles Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 BRO FOOD MACHINERY LIMITED IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above a company will be held at Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD on Friday 2nd September 1994 at 10.00am.
In order to be able to vote, details of your claim must be lodged at Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD no later than 12.00 noon on Thursday 1st September 1994. In addition, a form of proxy must also be lodged prior to the meeting.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Creditors whose claims are partially secured should deduct the value of their security from their total claim and they will only be allowed to vote for the unsecured portion of their claim. Creditors should also note that the Joint Administrative Receivers can call for any document or other evidence to be produced to substantiate their claim.
Dated this 17th day of August 1994 M W YOUNG AND N J HAMILTON-SMITH, JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS.

Pursuant to Rule 5.9(6) of the Insolvency Act 1986
SUPERSAVER DISCOUNT PLC (Registered number 2560769)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Wellesley Centre, 1 Lansdowne Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 2BX on Friday, the 9th day of September 1994 at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes of having laid before it the (Joint) Administrative Receiver, laid before it together with a summary of the Statement of Affairs of the Company, and if thought fit, to appoint a Creditors' Committee. Forms of proxy are available which should be completed if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented and returned to me at, Bishop Gate, Wellington House, 6 Stroggwall Road, Croydon CR0 0XH by the date of the meeting.
In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to me details in writing of your claim, not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day of the meeting. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting
The statutory report prepared by the (Joint) Administrative Receivers of the named Company, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, is available free of charge and on written request to me PAUL M DAVIS FCA, JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ADFAX (UK) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR on Thursday 1st September 1994 at 2.30pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, that is: 1. The Nomination of the Liquidator. 2. The appointment of a Liquidation Committee. Proxy Forms to be used for the purposes of the above Meeting must be lodged, accompanied by Statements of Claim, at the Registered Office of the Company, situated at Messrs. Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR, not later than 12 00 noon on Wednesday 31st August 1994.
Notice is also given, pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Simon Geoffrey Paterson MBPA of Messrs Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR, is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above Company, and will furnish Creditors free of charge with such information concerning the above Company's affairs as they may reasonably require
Dated this 19th day of August 1994. By Order of the Board. IAN WATSON, DIRECTOR.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BT awards contracts for new phone system

BT YESTERDAY gave a glimpse of the next generation of "smartcard" phonecards and payphones when it announced contracts worth "eight figure sums" to companies in the UK and France for the manufacture of the new systems. Three companies, GPT, Landis & Gyr and Schlumberger, will provide payphones able to accept smart phonecards, while Gemplus and GPT will produce the new style phonecards, which are based on integrated microchip technology.

Last year, BT sold more than 20 million phonecards, which are currently available in unit denominations of between 20 and 200 costing from £2 to £20. With these cards, the units are cancelled by the card reader within the phone. With the new BT smart card, the value of the call will be debited from the integral chip in the card. The new system will be introduced next year and David Bell of BT said that it offered "tremendous potential to make exciting new services available from BT payphones."

South Africa warning

SOUTH Africa's fragile economic recovery could lose momentum, if the friction in the labour market continues, Chris Stals, governor of the South African Reserve Bank, said. He told the central bank's annual meeting that massive unemployment, running at 29 per cent of the workforce, would persist for some time as a legacy of the economy's dismal performance over the past decade. He ruled out any quick fix for the economy and reaffirmed the bank's commitment to monetary discipline, which had this year delivered single-digit inflation for the first time in 20 years.

$2.5bn acquisition

AMERICA'S fourth-largest long-distance telephone company, LDDS Communications, has bought a long-distance network from WilTel for $2.5 billion. The cash transaction means that LDDS is no longer forced to lease lines from other companies, and can develop a strategy to challenge AT&T, MCI and Sprint. The WilTel network has an 11,000-mile fibre-optic network housed in obsolete, underground gas pipelines and employs 2,100 people. Bernard Ebbers, chief executive of LDDS, said the acquisition as the most important in the company's history.

Anglo's Mali move

ANGLO American Corporation, South Africa's biggest mining group, is poised to start a new gold project in Mali, its first outside South Africa since the Namibian Navachab gold mine four years ago. The Mali project — Sadiola Hill — will be 38 per cent owned and managed by Anglo. IAM Ventures, of Canada will own 38 per cent; the IFC, a world bank affiliate, will own 6 per cent and the Mali government 18 per cent. The mine could cost $210m, have at least a 15-year life and produce between 10 and 12 tons of gold a year with first production in 1997.

Graseby inches ahead

GRASEBY, the medical, product monitoring, environmental and technology group, increased pre-tax profits in the half year to June 30 from £4.9 million to £5 million on sales down from £55.1 million to £47.4 million. The half-year dividend falls from 3.3p to 2.7p but only to reflect the previously announced change in balance between the interim and full-year payouts. Graseby added that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, it expected to pay a final of 3.9p this year, up on last year's 3.3p which would make an unchanged total of 6.6p a share.

Lucas in brakes deal

LUCAS, the motor components group, is to supply air-actuated disc brakes to MAN, the truck manufacturer, under a £20 million agreement. Lucas, which has over half the truck brakes market in Europe, currently supplies disc brakes only to top-of-the-range MAN trucks, but under the new deal MAN will make them available as an option on all models. Lucas said yesterday that production at its factory in Cwmbran, Gwent, will be increased. Lucas believes that any difference in the cost of disc brakes will disappear due to savings in manufacture and increased volumes.

Racal wins contract

RACAL Messenger, part of Racal Electronics, has won an initial contract, worth £2 million, to supply Central Telegraph, the Russian *telecoms operator, with a* network for credit and debit card authorisation in Moscow. Racal also signed a distribution agreement to develop market potential for the system in other cities. David Elsbury, right, Racal's group chief executive, said the order was evidence of an exciting potential business area.



German car shares fall

SHARES in Volkswagen, Daimler-Benz and BMW, Germany's big three carmakers, fell sharply on the Frankfurt bourse after gloomy remarks by Ferdinand Piëch, the VW management board chairman, about the car market for the second half of this year. Official figures issued yesterday showed new car registrations in Germany, Europe's biggest market, dropped 16.3 per cent last month for a year-on-year fall of 4.9 per cent. But the German motor industry association said the second half was traditionally weaker and analysts said Herr Piëch's forecast was unsurprising.

Ben Bailey profits slip

BEN Bailey, the Yorkshire housebuilder, yesterday reported a slight fall in pre-tax profits from £77,000 to £70,000 for the six months to the end of June, on sales up from £7.1 million to £9.2 million. The half-year dividend remains unchanged at 0.3p a share, out of earnings down from 0.51p to 0.45p. The company says the number of houses sold during the period rose from 119 to 136 and the sale of excess land also boosted turnover. The number of reservations accepted on new houses during the half year was 20 per cent up on the first half of last year.

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☐ Clare Spottiswoode's round table ☐ Firms ignore environment at their peril ☐ Re-directing the Royal Mail

Ofgas appoints the Godfather

☐ THE curtain on the weird and wonderful world of regulation rises: just a little. Not only do we learn that Professor Michael Beesley, Emeritus Professor of Economics at the London Business School, has been appointed a consultant to Ofgas but we also discover that he is but the latest to sit down at a round table created, at the turn of the year, by Director General, Clare Spottiswoode.

As Melvyn Marckus, our City Editor, wrote on Saturday, Professor Beesley is acknowledged as "a sort of Godfather of regulators." Professor Beesley's academic career started at Birmingham University, where he lectured in commerce in the 1950s, before moving to the London School of Economics and the London Business School where he founded the Small Business Unit.

It was at Birmingham University that Professor Stephen Littlechild, currently Director General of Offer, emerged as one of Beesley's star pupils. Littlechild studied commerce under Beesley and, after reading for a PhD at the University of Texas, Austin, subsequently returned to Birmingham University as a professor of commerce and head of industrial economics and business studies. The regulatory web is tightly woven. One of the contributors to *Regulating Utilities: The Way Forward* — edited and introduced by Beesley — is Professor Colin Robinson. In a chapter entitled *Gas: What to do after the MMC Verdict*, Robinson writes: "The scheme Eileen Marshall and I suggested (before privatisation in 1985) was for a separate pipeline company and a number of regional gas distributors based initially on the existing regional boards."

Ms Marshall, Robinson's wife, was a student at Surrey University (where Robinson was and is a professor) and subsequently at Birmingham University. She emerged as a director of regulation and business affairs at Offer and, shortly after Ms Spottiswoode's arrival, joined Ofgas as chief economic adviser. Ms Spottiswoode happens to be a former tutor at the London Business School. Two other members of Ofgas's seven member panel, Professor John Kay and Professor Martin Cave also happen to be contributors to *Regulating Utilities: The Way Forward*.

Professor Beesley's appointment as a consultant to Ofgas is unlikely to receive a warm welcome from British Gas although chief executive Cedric Brown reacted carefully yesterday. In his words: With twelve months involvement in the MMC inquiry into the gas industry Professor Beesley will bring a great deal of knowledge of the industry to his role with Ofgas."

Ofgas stresses that contracts with its seven wise men are "for this calendar year only." It is arguable, however, that Professor Beesley's twelve month involvemnt with the MMC's 1992-93 investigation into the gas market raises the prospect of a possible conflict of interest.



Master and Miss Green

☐ MARKETING folk from big companies round the country will rush out this morning to spend £25 buying *Social Focus on Children*. This is the Central Statistical Office's latest attempt to make its image more exciting than might be suggested by its daily fare of, say, the provisional estimates of changes in stocks and work in progress during the second quarter. For any up-and-coming sales strategist or advertising agent it is a godsend. It will allow you to sound informed and with-it at meetings for months to come.

Some trends are already well-established. One in twelve of the next high-spending generation will be from ethnic minorities. Smoking among 11-year-olds has virtually halved to 13 per cent in a decade yet a third of 15-year-old boys claim to drink alcohol and the screen generation may not read the magazines you expect.

Far more striking is the involvement of children in "environmental" issues. According to the survey, nine out of ten worry about the rain forests. Nearer home, they fret over traffic fumes and tut-tut about litter. Green issues were not, it seems, a passing fad of welly-toting middle-class couples in the booming 1980s. They are here to stay, gathering in importance with the next generation.

The significance of this for tomorrow's business methods and product planning is hard to exaggerate. It will not do merely to add a green tinge to cater for a temporary concern, much as the marketing emphasis varies between value and quality over the economic seasons.

The growth companies will lead in environmental matters, rather than merely coping with them. And as tomorrow's people shop, so will they vote. Research and product development that leads to products that can make new "green" regulations practical should be moneyspinners, whether via recycling, energy saving or waste reduction.

At the corporate level, this will not make life easy. As Body Shop and the water and waste companies have discovered, any claim to green credentials, any worthy environmental audit, will cause companies to be put under closer scrutiny. Those that fail to plan, however, will surely find business even harder.

Third way for the Post Office

☐ LABOUR'S Robin Cook is making heavy strikes on Michael Heseltine's half-baked plan for Post Office privatisation, but still comes to the wrong conclusion. There is indeed a fatal flaw in the idea of "protecting" the post office network by keeping it in the public sector while Royal Mail and Parcelforce undergo conventional privatisation.

Thousands of post offices depend on cross-subsidy from the Royal Mail contract. If the two sides of the Post Office are separated and a privatised Royal Mail subject to both regulation and much greater competition, the source of those cross-subsidies will come under intense pressure. If Post Office Counters becomes a separate nationalised industry, they will come under more pressure from the Treasury. There would be no mass closures but the slow rate of attrition would accelerate.

Keeping the Royal Mail as a state industry would, however, bring different problems. If it is allowed commercial freedom to start new enterprises, inevitably making a loss at first, competitors will rightly claim the state is making unfair subsidies.

Far better to shift the entire Post Office into the same "third sector" as building societies, co-operatives and mutual insurers. The most suitable vehicle looks to be a statutory company with restricted-dividend capital. This could have built-in service obligations and regulation, *inter alia* to maintain the post office network, in return for retaining its inland letter monopoly. A national company responsible to consumers is a better bet than a state industry.

Disarming the yen

☐ JAPANESE ministers are now agonising over the economy because the yen keeps rising — in spite of the threat of a trade war being declared by the very country that so recently claimed its military alliance with Japan was now its most important. There is a simple remedy: threaten to retaliate by closing American bases. Equally illogical, but it would certainly send the yen back down.

Thorn makes sweet music in first quarter

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

■ Albums from the Rolling Stones, Bryan Ferry, Pink Floyd and from a group of Spanish monks singing medieval plain song are all boosting the music business

A STRONG performance from Thorn EMI's recorded music business powered a 25 per cent growth in underlying operating profits in the first quarter. This is the first time the music-to-TV-rental group has issued quarterly figures.

However, the need to take provisions against businesses sold, and non-recurrence of profits from these, meant a fall in pre-tax profits to £33.1 million, from £40.4 million, while earnings per share halved from 6.4p to 3.1p. That prompted a 9p decline in the share price, to £10.54p. But City analysts emphasised that the figures were in line with expectations.

Operating profits from EMI Music rose by 14.6 per cent, to £33 million, in the three months to June 30, on sales 16.6 per cent ahead at £405 million. Thorn pointed out that this sharp rise resulted partly from irregular spacing of best-selling album releases, which distorts profit flows.

Thorn's HMV music retailing business was also affected by seasonality. Sales rose 12.4 per cent, to £87.8 million, and the normal loss at this time of year was down 24.4 per cent, at £3.4 million.

Sir Colin Southgate, Thorn's chairman, said: "The seasonal nature of these businesses, and the variability of sales of recorded music in the short term, render it unwise to extrapolate the first-quarter results to the full year."

He added: "Overall, we expect a satisfactory outcome, given the strength of our principal businesses."

Thorn's other main division, rentals, managed to raise profits by 9.8 per cent, to £25.8 million, on revenues 6.2 per cent up at £374 million. It was helped by cost efficiencies and financial packages and products launched during the last financial year. However, profits from America were hit by promotional spending and higher store staffing and training levels. But disposals meant a £13.1 million exceptional charge, while non-recurrence of contributions from businesses sold earlier cut pre-tax profits by £9.1 million.

The music business benefited both from the success of *Canto Gregoriano*, a recording of medieval plainsong made by Spanish monks, and from sales of Pink Floyd's *The Division Bell*. Second-quarter and second-half profits will be boosted by the new Rolling Stones album and forthcoming offerings from stars such as Bryan Ferry and Genesis.

Peter Hilliar, a leisure analyst at BZW, said the share price fall was a reaction to a fall in headline pre-tax profits and the absence of any announcement on the long-mooted demerger of the group's music division.

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ALAN WELLER

John Burke, chief executive of Bristol & West Building Society, said yesterday it was nice to associated with strength and quality again

Bristol & West gets back to health with £26m

By Robert Miller

BUILDING society predators will have to go back to the drawing board after Bristol & West gave notice that it is off the critical list of financially troubled societies.

Britain's tenth largest building society yesterday reported a £12 million drop in bad debt provision to £21.1 million and a £180 million increase in retail savings and deposits to £6 billion in the first six months of the year. Pre-tax profits at Bristol & West were up 27 per cent at £26 million after taking into account £7 million worth of restructuring costs. Of this, £5.4 million relates to goodwill previously written off against reserves. The society also reduced its cost income ratio from 52.9 per cent to 51.8 per cent.

Commenting on the results John Burke, chief executive, said: "It is nice to be associated with strength and quality once again. Our results show an improving trend, and illustrate the success of our commitment to manage down arrears, contain costs and build capital strength."

☐ Bradford & Bingley, the UK's seventh largest society, which yesterday reported a 35 per cent increase in half-year profits to £79.2 million, expressed concern about the sluggish recovery in the housing market. Geoffrey Lister, B&B's chief executive, said: "Recent speculation about a possible rise in interest rates later this year will do little to help this fragile housing recovery."

Like Bristol & West, B&B also saw a steep drop in mortgage loss provisions from £28.3 million in the first half of last year to £8.4 million this time. The society's assets were up 6.7 per cent to £14.1 billion. Costs rose by £4.5 million to £77.5 million as a result of B&B's investment in its new Bauskapasse operation in Germany, which is that country's equivalent of a building society. On B&B results overall, Mr Lister commented: "It is greatly encouraging to see our profits continuing to improve. This news is particularly welcome, considering the difficult trading conditions."

A mine is born in Zimbabwe

By Colin Campbell

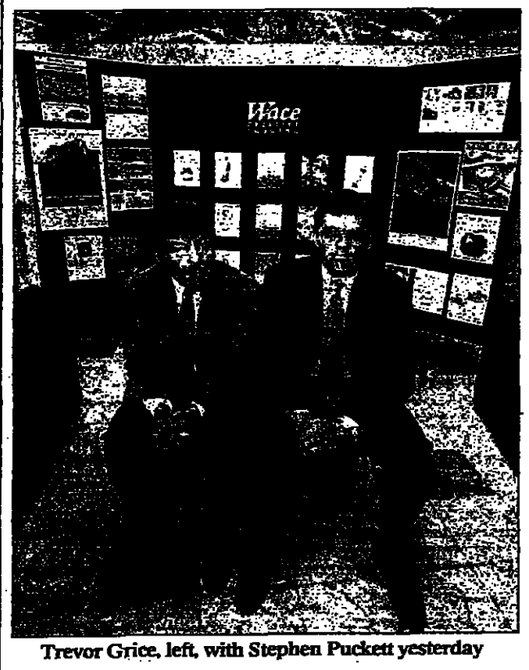
THE hatch, match and dispatch columns of newspapers are not only reserved for humans. Mines are born, possibly live long enough to become engaged, and they die too.

Today, as proud parents, BHP, Australia's world mining group, and Delta Gold, the precious metals group, announce the birth of a new platinum project — an A$31 million (£14.5 million) baby, 80 kilometres south-west of Harare, Zimbabwe. The mine has been christened Hartley and looks set to have a productive life mining and processing 2.16 tonnes of ore resulting in an annual 150,000 ounces of platinum, 110,000 ounces of palladium, 11,500 ounces of rhodium and 23,000 ounces of gold, as well as lesser amounts of nickel and copper.

Delta, with a 33 per cent stake, is likely to float all, or part, of its holding on the Zimbabwe and London stock exchanges.

Under "engagements" Engelhard Corporation, the US speciality chemicals group, is to invest US$6m in a new auto-catalyst facility in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. But pray for Gold Fields' Northam platinum mine in the Northern Transvaal. It has reported a R129 million loss for the year to June 30, has exhausted its cash and a bank loan of R220 million, and is running on the generosity of GFSA. Hartley's birth, coupled with the deathwatch news from Northam, proves that as new mines are born, others die.

Turnround continues at Wace



Trevor Grice, left, with Stephen Puckett yesterday

By Neil Bennett

THE new management at Wace, the imaging and printing group, is continuing to pull the company back from the heavy losses it suffered in 1992, by cost-cutting, sales of loss-making subsidiaries and a reduction in borrowings.

The improvement prompted the group to lift its half-year dividend 50 per cent to 1.5p, as a step to restoring it to its former level of 2.25p before the 1992 losses. Trevor Grice, chief executive, said strengthening the balance sheet allowed Wace to seek acquisitions again if they became available. Wace expanded rapidly in the late Eighties by buying a series of smaller press and printing companies.

The company's pre-tax profits jumped 57 per cent in the first half of the year to £11.1 million, even though turnover fell almost £1.5 million to £164 million. Mr Grice, who was brought in in 1992 to turn the company around, said part of the improvement came from disposal of Brandprint, a colour printer in West London that lost £400,000 last time. Wace also cut losses by selling several French businesses. Underlying sales from continuing opera-tions rose 5 per cent.

Profits from pre-press operations rose 30 per cent to £7.8 million, while the printing division improved 17 per cent to £6.25 million. The only region that did not improve was the US printing business where profits fell a third to £557,000 due to a slowdown in the New York market.

The group's earnings per share leapt 144 per cent to 10p but Mr Grice said this was due to the one-off use of tax losses and would not be repeated.

Mr Grice and Stephen Puckett, the financial director, are particularly pleased by the improvement in the group's cash position. Net borrowings fell £7.4 million during the half to £51.8 million despite capital spending of £10.5 million.

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Cointreau mixes a Kazakh cocktail

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

COCKTAIL time in downtown Alma Ata will never be the same again. Mind you, cocktails in the Kazakh capital have never been much to write home about. The average Alma Atan's favourite bevy, at least by tradition, has been koumiss, a liquor fermented from mares' milk.

Now, steppe nomads in Kazakhstan, the newly independent southern Russian republic stretching from the Caspian to the extreme west of China, will be able to enjoy Cointreau, Rémy Martin cognac and Krug champagne, courtesy of a deal between Rémy Cointreau, the French drinks group, and the republic's biggest privately held company. Kazakhstan is one of those members of the former Soviet block blessed with abundant oil and gas reserves and already being nominated as "the next Kuwait".

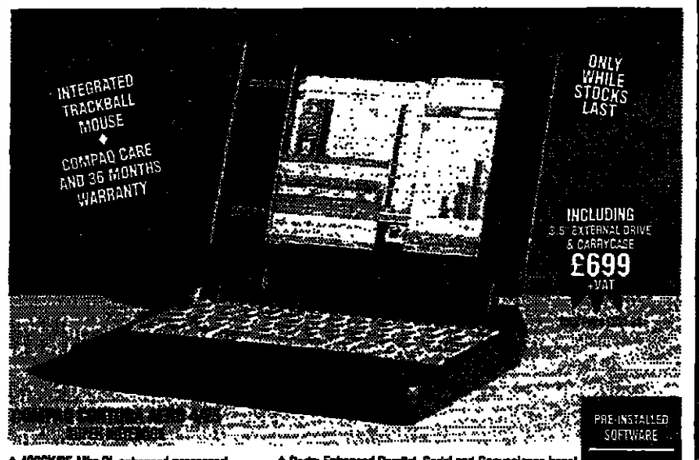
Rémy, which has in the past boasted of strong demand for its products in the most unlikely of developing economies, has signed an exclusive distribution deal with Butya, a specialist distributor of imported goods which recorded annual sales of $92 million in 1993.

In March, Nursultan Nazarbayev, former communist turned privatisation-struck president of Kazakhstan, spent the Kazakh New Year in London on an official visit as guest of John Major. Already, British Gas, in conjunction with Italy's Agip, are developing his country's giant Karachaganak gas field.

The new-found wealth is creating a taste for Western luxuries, which the French are hoping to tap. Rémy says one case in six of cognac produced in France already goes to Hong Kong, much of it leaking from there across the border to the People's Republic. It has high hopes for the various other newly independent and newly enriched Turkic republics of southern Russia.

Kazakhstan can trace its history back to the marauding Mongols and other horse-borne steppe peoples. After Rémy, can Louis Vuitton be too far behind, and can the average Kazakh be without a full set of expensive, monogrammed saddlebags.

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Glaxo shares advance as speculators anticipate a takeover

IS GLAXO about to hit the takeover trail? Whispers circulating inside the Square Mile claim the group has been in talks with its banks, lining up extra credit for a possible bid for rival US drugs group Eli Lilly.

The speculators say the group has agreed with a consortium of banks lines of credit totalling $16 billion, or £10.3 billion, in order to beef up its war chest. Although close followers of the company were expressing doubts about the story last night, the sector has been the subject of intense speculation in recent weeks. The recent decision of American Home Products to increase its terms for American Cyanamid to almost £6 billion has led to suggestions

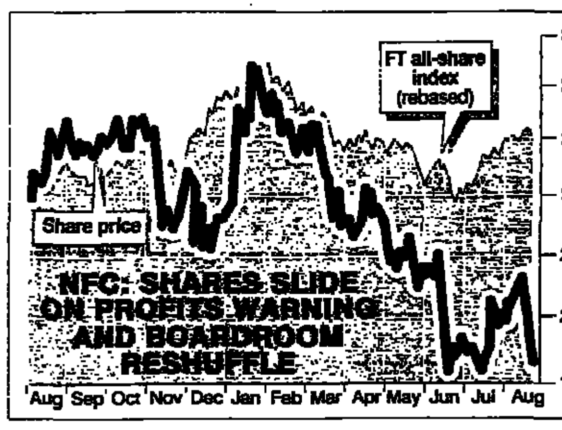
STOCK MARKET

that one of the British drug companies is now close to a major corporate move.

Joint ventures and mergers are becoming increasingly popular among the big drug companies as they struggle to increase market share in today's fiercely competitive marketplace. They also see it as a way of spreading the burden of research and development. **Glaxo** shares rose 6p to 645p. Meanwhile, speculative buying lifted **Wellcome** 7p to 709p, while **SmithKline Beecham** failed to register a buy recommendation from Cazenove, the stockbroker, with the shares holding steady at 448p.

Elsewhere, it was another lacklustre performance from the equity market with prices drifting lower for much of the day in thin trading. They later recovered some of their poise, helped by a strong opening rise on Wall Street which inspired a futures-led rally. The FT-SE 100 index finished 3.8 points up at 3,175.1 having been 10.2 down at its low point. Turnover was a modest 554 million shares.

The appearance of bargain hunters dragged the composite insurers higher with gains seen in **Commercial Union** up 7p at 547p, **General Accident** 7p at 570p, **Sun Alliance** 1p at 326p and **Royal Insurance** 2p at 286p.



Thorn EMI slipped 9p to £10.54p. First-quarter figures were in line with expectations showing pre-tax profits down from £40.4 million to £33.1 million after exceptional charges of £13.1 million. But the group moved to play down recent speculation about a demerger of its music division. **Amstrad**, the consumer electronics group headed by Alan Sugar, dipped 1p to 32p in reaction to the surprise resignation of director Malcolm Miller, who is joining Sega, the Japanese computer group. He will be replaced by Bordan Tkachuk.

NFC, the road transport operator, fell 15p to 185p on news of the departure of Peter Sherlock, chief executive, and a cautious view of current trading from the company.

Tiphook, the trailer rental group, recovered some of its poise with a rise of 3p to 35p. The shares were hit by publication last week of the annual report, revealing large payments and option contracts for a number of current and former boardroom members.

Body Shop slipped a further 2p to 227p with the group claiming it is the subject of a smear campaign after a major US ethical fund investment manager told clients to sell their shares in the company. The shares have fallen in the past week from the 242p level amid claims that its ethical soundness was in doubt. Anita Roddick, managing director, described the claims as unfounded.

There was a late burst of speculative support for **Sims Foods**, up 6p at 95p, on talk of a bid after the group recently returned to break-even following a period of losses.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts opened lower in line with other world bond markets, with prices continuing to drift lower throughout the morning. Prices later rebounded after finding a new support level to end the day with small gains at the longer end and among index-linked.

This was reflected in the September series of the Long Gilt. It touched £100 5/32 before bouncing to close a tick firmer at £100 25/32 as 50,000 contracts were traded. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 firmed a couple of ticks to £103 23/32, while, at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £1/16 easier at £103⅜.

□ **NEW YORK:** Blue chips extended their rally into midday in a broad-based advance which saw cyclical issues stage a comeback. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 23.96 points to 3,775.18.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.5535 (+0.0025)
German mark ... 2.3888 (+0.0139)
Exchange index ....78.6 (+0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3175.1 (+3.8)
Dow Jones ....3775.18 (+23.96)*
Nikkei Avg ...... 20380.78 (-13.80)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5 7/16-5⅜%
US Federal Funds 4⅝%*
3-month Treas Bills ... 4.57-4.56%*
Long Bond 7.53%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ .1.5539*	£:$ 1.5545
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$:Ffr .. 5.2730*	£:Ffr 8.1980
$:Yen ...98.40*	£:Yen 152.81
£:SDR ..1.0528	£:ECU . 1.2484

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($)
AM 381.25 .... PM 381.35
Close 381.70-382.20
New York
Comex 383.05-383.55*

OIL

Brent Crude ...... $15.95 per bbl (Oct)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI. 144.0 Jul (2.3%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.25	2.05
Austria Sch	17.75	16.25
Belgium Fr	52.27	47.87
Canada $	2.245	2.085
Cyprus Cyp£	0.764	0.714
Denmark Kr	10.03	9.23
Finland Mkk	8.37	7.67
France Fr	8.62	7.92
Germany Dm	2.54	2.33
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong $	12.70	11.70
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2525.00	2370.00
Japan Yen	167.50	150.50
Malta	0.608	0.553
Netherlds Gld	2.825	2.595
Norway Kr	11.06	10.26
Portugal Esc	255.50	237.00
S Africa Rd		5.48
Spain Pta	206.50	192.50
Sweden Kr	12.32	11.52
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.98
Turkey Lira	refer	46915.0
USA $	1.650	1.520

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Amstrad MD resigns to join Sega Europe

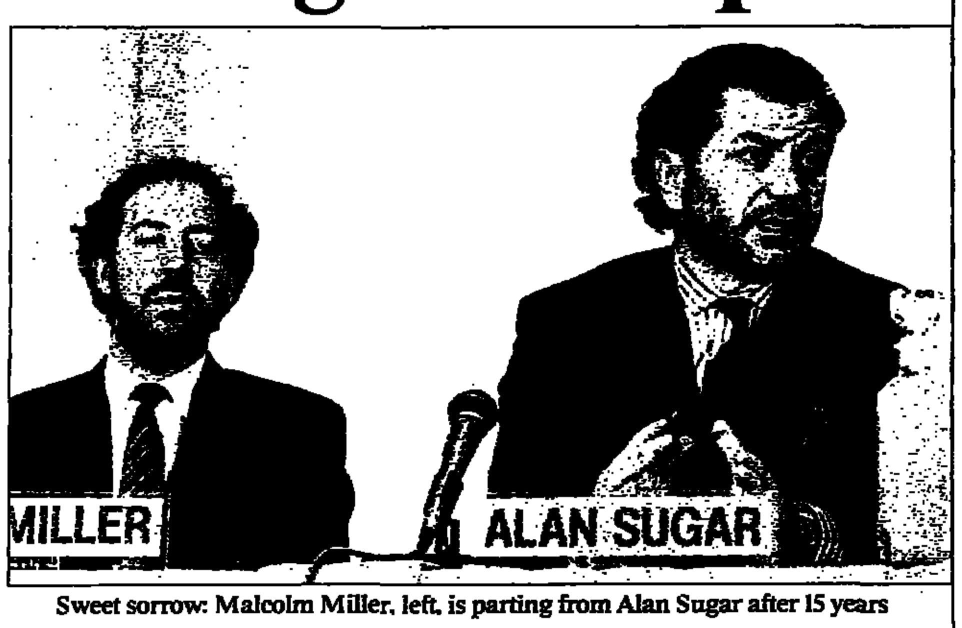
By Neil Bennett

THE managing director of Amstrad, the struggling consumer electronics company, has quit to join Sega Europe, the Japanese computer games group, on the eve of the arrival of Amstrad's new chief executive.

Malcolm Miller joined Amstrad in 1979 and worked closely with Alan Sugar, the chairman and founder, during the company's meteoric rise. He is thought to have been lured to Sega by the promise of a generous salary, estimated by insiders to be around £250,000.

He was also thought to be keen to leave Amstrad before the arrival of David Rogers, the chief executive who joins next month, since Mr Rogers is likely to take over many of his duties.

Mr Miller is joining Sega Europe as chief executive and managing director. Sega has been keen to hire a senior electronics executive to help to pull the company out of the heavy losses it suffered last year when the computer games market shrank and its margins were squeezed by the rise in the yen. The company particularly wanted a marketing specialist since it often uses blanket promotion to ensure the success of its latest machines and games. Mr Miller is replacing Nick Alexander who joined Pearson as a publishing manager earlier this year.



Sweet sorrow: Malcolm Miller, left, is parting from Alan Sugar after 15 years

A statement from Amstrad thanked Mr Miller for his 15 year contribution to the company and said that his job running Amstrad's worldwide consumer electronics business would be taken over by Bordan Tkachuk, the former managing director of its Australian subsidiary. This is the latest in a series of management moves at Amstrad, which agreed to appoint non-executive directors and split Mr Sugar's role as chairman and chief executive to allay City concerns over its corporate governance.

Mr Miller said yesterday that it would be a major wrench for him to leave Amstrad. "However the Sega offer was too good to turn down and gives me the opportunity to head up a major pan-European company allowing me to use the experience of a marketing and international business, gained at Amstrad, to the full."

Mr Miller is planning to leave Amstrad on September 22, around the same time as Mr Rogers will join. Amstrad currently has large cash resources but is struggling to earn a return from its core electronics business. One of Mr Rogers' main tasks will be working with Mr Sugar to determine the group's future direction and whether it can make further acquisitions to restore its profitability.

Profits leap at Friendly Hotels

By Susan Gilchrist

EVIDENCE of recovery in the regional hotels market emerged yesterday as Friendly Hotels unveiled a 42 per cent interim profits jump. Henry Edwards, chairman, said trading at the 27 regional hotels had picked up after a slow start. Although the industry has faced a number of false dawns, Mr Edwards believes the recent upturn will be sustained. He said: "All the indications are that the improvement, although small, will be maintained and increased."

Pre-tax profits rose to £963,000 from £679,000 in the six months to June 12 on sales of £16.05 million (£13.49 million). The interim dividend is held at 2.2p. Mr Edwards said occupancy and average room rates had increased across the country, with the biggest rises in Glasgow and London. The company's 18 serviced offices encountered more difficult trading conditions, although occupancy and the average fee/sq ft was maintained.

The company is looking for acquisition opportunities to capitalise on recovery in the hotel market. Mr Edwards said hotels were still cheap and the company had plenty of headroom to fund any purchases. He said the outlook for the second half, traditionally the more profitable period, was promising.

WALL STREET

	Aug 23 midday	Aug 22 close
AMP Inc	73	73
AMR Corp	56	55
AT & T	53	53
Abbott Labs	30	30
Aetna Life	50	49
Ahmanson (HF)	22	22
Air Prod & Chem	47	47
Albertson's	27	27
Alcan Aluminm	24	24
Alco Standard	63	63
Allied Signal	35	34
Alum Co of Am	77	77
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	50	50
Amer Brands	34	34
Amer Cyanamid	96	96
Amer El Power	30	30
Amer Express	28	27
Amer Genl Corp	28	28
Amer Home Pr	60	59
Amer Intl	92	92
Amer Stores	24	24
Ameritech	40	40
Amoco	57	57
Anheuser-Busch	52	52
Apple Computer	35	34
Archer Daniels	24	24
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	47	48
Asarco	28	28
Ashland Oil	36	36
Atl Richfield	103	103
Auto Data Pro	53	52
Avery Dennison	34	34
Avon Products	59	59
Baker Hughes	18	18
Baltim Gas & El	22	22
Banc One	34	34
BankAmerica	48	47
Bank of NY	32	32
Bankers Tr NY	71	70
Barnett Banks	46	45
Bausch & Lomb	39	39
Baxter Intl	27	27
Becton Dickson	43	42
Bell Atlantic	54	54
BellSouth	60	60
Black & Decker	21	21
Block (H&R)	43	43
Boeing	46	44
Boise Cascade	26	26
Borden Inc	11	12
Bristol Myrs Sq	57	57
Browning Ferris	31	30
Brunswick	22	21
Burlington Nthn	48	48
CBS	315	312
CNA Financial	61	61
CPC Intl	53	54
CSX	74	73
Campbell Soup	40	39
Can Pacific	17	16
Cptl Cities ABC	79	79
Carolina Pwr	26	25
Caterpillar	109	107
Central & SW	21	21
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	37	36
Chemical Bk	39	39
Chevron Corp	42	42
Chrysler	47	46
Chubb Corp	72	72
Cigna Corp	66	65
Citicorp	45	44
Clorox	50	50
Coastal Corp	30	30
Coca Cola	46	46
Colgate-Palmolive	56	56
Columbia Gas	27	27
Commonw Ed	22	22
Compaq Comp	37	37
Comp Ass Intl	38	38
Conagra	32	32
Cons Edison	27	27
Cons Nat Gas	40	40
Cons Rail	53	53
Cooper Inds	38	38
Corning Inc	30	30
Crown Cork	35	35
Dana Corp	27	27
Dayton Hudson	85	85
Deere	69	66
Delta Air Lines	48	48
Deluxe Corp	29	29
Detroit Edison	27	26
Digital Equip	23	23
Dillard Dept St	27	27
Disney (Walt)	42	42
Dominion Res	38	38
Donelley (RR)	28	27
Dover Corp	56	56
Dow Chemical	68	68
Dow Jones	31	31
Dresser	19	19
Duke Power	38	37
Dun & Brdstreet	56	56
Du Pont	58	58
Eastman Kodak	48	48
Eaton Corp	47	47
Emerson Elec	62	62

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Engelhard Corp	27	27
Enron Corp	30	30
Entergy	24	24
Ethyl Corp	11	11
Exxon	59	59
FMC Corp	56	56
FPL Group	31	30
Federal Express	69	68
Fed Nat Mtge	88	89
First Chicago	50	49
First Interstate	79	78
First Union Rlty	6	6
Fleet Finl Grp	40	39
Fluor Corp	51	51
Ford Motor	29	29
GTE Corp	31	31
Gannett	50	49
Gap Inc Del	44	43
Gen Dynamics	43	43
Gen Electric	48	47
Gen Mills	55	55
Gen Motors	48	48
Gen Reinsurance	109	108
Gen Signal	35	35
Genuine Parts	35	35
Georgia Pac	67	66
Gillette	71	71
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	45	45
Goodyear Tire	33	33
Grace (W&R)	38	38
Grt Atl Pac Tea	21	20
Great Wstn Fin	20	20
Halliburton	29	29
Harcourt General	32	32
Heinz (HJ)	37	37
Hercules	102	100
Hershey Foods	47	47
Hewlett Packard	87	87
Hilton Hotels	58	57
Home Depot	44	44
Homestake Mng	17	18
Honeywell	33	33
Household Intl	38	37
Houston Inds	34	34
Humana	20	19
ITT Corp	82	82
Illinois Tool	42	42
Illinova	20	20
INCO	26	26
Ingersoll Rand	36	35
Inland Steel	38	38
Intel Corp	64	65
IBM	67	67
Intl Flav & Fr	42	42
Intl Paper	71	71
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Kellogg	56	56
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Marriott Int	29	29
Marsh & McLen	85	85
Masco Corp	26	26
May Dept St	39	38
Maytag Corp	18	18
McCaw Cellular	52	51
McDonalds	26	26
McDonnell D	114	112
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Mead Corp	46	46
Medtronic	95	95
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Melville Corp	37	37
Merck Inc	33	33
Merrill Lynch	36	36
Minnesota Mine	55	55
Mobil Corp	81	81
Monsanto	82	83
Morgan (JP)	64	63
Motorola Inc	53	52
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Natl Semi	18	18
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NBD Bancorp	31	31
NY Times A	24	24
Newmont Mng	40	40
Ntng Mohawk	15	15
Nike B	64	64
NL Industries	10	10
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	45	44
Norfolk Sthrn	60	60
Ntha State Pwr	42	42
Norwest Corp	26	25
Nynex Corp	37	37
Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	19	19

	Aug 23 midday	Aug 22 close
Oracle Systems	40	39
Oryx Energy Co	14	14
Owens Corning	35	35
PNC Financial	27	27
PPG Industries	39	38
Paccar Inc	48	47
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	21	21
Pac Gas & Elect	24	23
Pac Telesis	31	31
Pall Corp	16	16
Panhandle East	22	22
Parker Hannifin	41	40
Peco Energy	27	27
Penney (JC)	49	48
Pennzoil	51	51
Pepsico	34	33
Pfizer	69	68
Phelps Dodge	59	60
Philip Morris	56	55
Phillips Pet	32	32
Pitney Bowes	37	37
Polaroid	33	33
PriceCostco	14	14
Procter & Gmbl	57	56
Pub Serv E & G	27	27
Quaker Oats	83	83
Ralston Purina	40	40
Raychem Corp	40	40
Raytheon	65	65
Reebok Intl	36	36
Reynolds Metals	49	49
Roadway Srvcs	61	61
Rockwell Intl	34	34
Rohm & Haas	61	60
Royal Dutch	109	109
Rubbermaid	27	27
Safeco Corp	54	54
St Paul's Cos	43	43
Salomon Inc	42	42
Santa Fe Pac	19	19
Sara Lee Corp	22	22
Socorp	13	13
Schering Plough	70	69
Schlumberger	56	56
Scott Paper	61	61
Seagram	30	30
Sears Roebuck	46	46
Shell Trans	66	66
Sherwin Wlms	32	32
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	36	35
Southern Co	18	18
Sthwestern Bell	42	41
Sprint Corp	38	39
Stanley Works	40	40
Sun Company	27	27
Sun Microsys	25	25
Suntrust	49	48
Supervalu	28	28
Syntex Corp	23	23
Sysco Corp	25	24
TRW Inc	70	70
TCC Inds	3	3
Tandem Comp	15	15
Tandy Corp	40	39
Teledyne	17	17
Temple Inland	50	49
Tenneco	46	45
Texaco	60	60
Texas Inst	82	82
Texas Utilities	32	33
Textron	53	52
Time Warner	37	37
Times-Mirror	32	32
Timken	37	37
Torchmark	40	40
Toys R Us	37	36
Transamerica	51	51
Travelers	35	34
Tribune	52	53
Tyco Labs	44	44
UST Inc	30	30
UAL	101	100
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	113	112
Union Camp	47	47
Union Carbide	31	32
Union Pacific	56	56
Unisys Corp	9	9
USAIR Group	6	6
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	35	35
US West	39	39
United Tech	61	60
Unocal Corp	27	26
Upjohn	35	35
VF Corp	50	50
WMX Tech	28	29
Wal-Mart Stores	24	24
Warner-Lambert	79	78
Wells Fargo	159	159
Westinghouse El	12	12
Weyerhaeuser	40	40
Whirlpool	50	49
Whitman	17	17
Winn Dixie	50	50
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43	43
Xerox	107	107

RECENT ISSUES

Aromascan	96	-1
Bail Giff Shn Npn Wts	81	-1
Beacon Inv Tst (100)	102	...
Beacon Inv Tst Wts	47	...
Carnell (18)	34	+4
Chamberlain Phipps (165)	170	...
Copyright Prmtns (120)	123	+2
Emrg Mkts Country	53	+½
Emrg Mkts Country Wts	34	...
Freeport Leisure	68	...
INVESCO Japan Discovery	92	+1
INVESCO Japan Disc Wts	47½	...
JF Fledge Japan Wts	67	...
Magnum Power	38	...
Old Mutual SA (100)	91	...
Old Mutual SA Wts	41	...
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Securities (90)	90	...
Panther Wts	17	...
Petroceltic	40	...
Pillar Property Inv (150)	159	...
Suter Wts 99/04	39	+1
TR Euro Gwth Ptg Sb (100)	103	...
Tops Estates Wts	30	...
VideoLogic	39	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BCE Hldgs n/p (8)	1¼	+¼
Gibbs Mew n/p (340)	47	...
Hartstone n/p (15)	½	-¼
Raglan Properties n/p (32)	1½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Mitie Group	353p (+10p)	Zeneca	831p (-10p)
Charter	796p (+26p)	WH Smith	469p (-9p)
Scotia	287p (+9p)	Mitel	233p (-8p)
Wellcome	709p (+9p)	Broken Hill	922p (-16p)
Bristol Scotts	165p (+10p)	McKechnie	487p (-10p)
London Clubs	256p (+9p)	Swire Pacific 'A'	495p (-13p)
MAID	68p (+8p)	XCL	64p (-8p)
Pearson	638p (+8p)	Bradford	220p (-8p)
Wace	270p (+16p)		
BAA	514p (+7p)		

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	12,000	Caradon	1,200	Legal & Gn	830	Scot Power	2,200
Abbey Natl	1,000	Carlton Cms	617	Lloyds Bk	2,800	Sears	3,700
Alld-Lyons	2,300	Coats Vyla	887	MEPC	117	Svrn Trent	2,500
Argyll Gp	2,400	Cm Union	621	Marks Spr	1,400	Shell Trans	2,100
Arjo Wiggn	579	Courtaulds	332	NFC	15,000	Siebe	728
AB Foods	176	De La Rue	435	NatWst Bk	3,300	SmKl Bch	1,900
BAA	1,400	Eastern Elec	991	Nat Power	1,800	Smith Nph	1,600
BAT Inds	2,000	Enterpr Oil	1,200	Nth Wst W	2,300	Sthern Elec	937
BOC	518	Forte	3,700	P & O	1,400	Std Chartd	2,700
BP	5,200	GKN	594	Pearson	862	Sun Allnce	2,700
BTR	2,400	GRE	1,700	PowerGen	828	TI Gp	765
BT	7,900	GUS	1,500	Prudential	5,100	TSB	1,700
Bk of Scot	4,100	Gen Acc	1,700	RMC	478	Tesco	1,900
Barclays	9,300	Gen Elec	6,100	RTZ	1,900	Thames W	2,600
Bass	599	Glaxo	2,200	Rank Org	1,800	Thrn EMI	2,700
Blue Circle	1,600	Granada	2,200	Reckitt Col	211	Tomkins	984
Boots	1,400	Grand Met	1,500	Redland	1,100	Unilever	1,100
Bowater	403	Guinness	6,100	Reed Intl	1,400	Utd Bisc	194
Brit Aero	452	HSBC	2,400	Rentokil	1,200	Vodafone	9,700
Brit Airwys	4,100	Hanson	4,600	Reuters	1,000	Warburg (SG)	761
Brit Gas	5,600	ICI	1,400	Rolls Royce	1,200	Wellcome	1,300
Brit Steel	5,600	Inchcape	681	Ryl Ins	2,600	Whitbread	478
Burmah Cstl	122	Kingfisher	1,200	Ryl Bk Scot	978	Wlims Hld	1,000
Cable Wire	2,300	Ladbroke	2,400	Sainsbury	1,000	Wolseley	198
Cadbury	3,800	Land Secs	262	Scot & New	493	Zeneca	2,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3775.18 (+23.96)
S&P Composite .... 464.96 (+2.65)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avge .... 20380.78 (-13.80)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9234.06 (-223.27)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 410.83 (+1.50)

Sydney: AO .... 2051.6 (-12.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2107.87 (-15.92)

FT 30 share: .... 2489.7 (+3.3)

Brussels:
General .... 7514.34 (-23.73)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2000.63 (+28.00)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 651.40 (-3.90)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1592.42 (+1.75)
FT Non Financials .... 1730.85 (-2.17)
FT Gold Mines .... 243.0 (-0.9)
FT Fixed Interest .... 108.84 (+0.01)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.26 (+0.12)
Bargains 27021
SEAQ Volume 556.5m
USM (Datastrm) .... 159.28 (+0.54)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Dealings From	Dealings To	Final Declaration	For Settlement
August 22	September 9	November 24	December 5

Call options were taken out on 23/8/94: Cons Murchison, Park Food, Tullow Oil.

Put: Tullow Oil.
Put & Calls: Alliance Resources.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 94	3185.0	3197.0	3171.0	3191.0	7338
Previous open interest: 62224	Dec 94	3187.5	3204.0	3187.5	3204.5	605
Three Month Sterling	Sep 94	94.28	94.29	94.24	94.27	8931
Previous open interest: 543773	Dec 94	93.38	93.40	93.32	93.36	15195
	Mar 95	92.71	92.71	92.64	92.66	4667
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 94				94.89	0
Previous open interest: 6619	Dec 94	94.20	94.20	94.20	94.22	20
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 94	95.05	95.05	95.01	95.03	10392
Previous open interest: 779837	Dec 94	94.84	94.85	94.81	94.85	21967
Long Gilt	Sep 94	100-28	100-31	100-05	100-25	50123
Previous open interest: 114496	Dec 94	100-13	100-13	99-22	100-08	4471
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	108.43	108.50	108.43	108.46	301
	Dec 94	107.53	107.54	107.43	107.46	1540
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 94	91.19	91.48	90.96	91.43	120043
Previous open interest: 170032	Dec 94	90.40	90.60	90.11	90.56	6762
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 94				96.910	
Previous open interest: 76	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU	Sep 94	93.89	93.90	93.86	93.89	1019
Previous open interest: 24539	Dec 94	93.42	93.45	93.40	93.44	706
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 94	95.61	95.61	95.58	95.59	1875
Previous open interest: 53686	Dec 94	95.29	95.32	95.27	95.31	1604
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 94	98.99	99.00	97.54	98.19	55681
Previous open interest: 96830	Dec 94	96.50	96.68	95.95	96.54	4467

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 78.6 (day's range 78.4-78.6).

Mid Rates for Aug 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6722-2.6855	2.6822-2.6855	¼pr-¼ds	⅜-¼pr
Brussels	49.04-49.38	49.27-49.38	par-3ds	par-8ds
Copenhagen	9.4180-9.4740	9.4590-9.4740	⅜-1¼ds	1⅞-3ds
Dublin	1.0125-1.0156	1.0128-1.0155	4-8ds	20-27ds
Frankfurt	2.3804-2.3921	2.3889-2.3921	¼pr-¼ds	⅜-¼pr
Lisbon	243.92-245.93	245.29-245.93	134-147ds	364-407ds
Madrid	198.97-200.18	199.89-200.18	46-54ds	127-141ds
Milan	2429.00-2436.90	2432.90-2436.90	6-8ds	20-23ds
Montreal	2.1380-2.1441	2.1392-2.1422	0.01-0.10ds	0.01-0.13ds
New York	1.5530-1.5550	1.5540-1.5550	0.03-0.01pr	0.17-0.15pr
Oslo	10.4660-10.5260	10.5110-10.5260	¼-¾ds	1¼-2ds
Paris	8.1560-8.2050	8.1910-8.2050	¼-½ds	⅜-⅝ds
Stockholm	11.7650-11.8320	11.8080-11.8320	2⅛-2⅞ds	7-7⅞ds
Tokyo	152.17-153.06	152.68-152.94	⅜-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.75-16.83	16.79-16.83	⅛pr-par	3⅜-1⅝pr
Zurich	2.0049-2.0181	2.0152-2.0181	¼pr-par	⅜-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Argentina peso*	1.5524-1.5550
Australia dollar	2.1085-2.1113
Bahrain dinar	0.5795-0.5915
Brazil real*	1.3721-1.3762
Cyprus pound	0.7250-0.7350
Finland markka	7.7095-7.8255
Greece drachma	357.75-364.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0017-12.0071
India rupee	48.25-49.21
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4565-0.4665
Malaysia ringgit	3.9619-3.9647
Mexico peso	5.13-5.23
New Zealand dollar	2.5835-2.5865
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7626-5.8880
Singapore dollar	2.3315-2.3330
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9885-7.0397
S Africa rand (com)	5.5558-5.5641
U A E dirham	5.6430-5.7670

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

Australia	1.3579-1.3588
Austria	10.80-10.81
Belgium (Com)	31.66-31.67
Canada	1.3776-1.3781
Denmark	6.0789-6.0809
France	5.2661-5.2681
Germany	1.5368-1.5373
Hong Kong	7.7274-7.7284
Ireland	1.5326-1.5341
Italy	1563.00-1564.00
Japan	98.35-98.45
Malaysia	2.5508-2.5518
Netherlands	1.7257-1.7262
Norway	6.7581-6.7601
Portugal	157.32-157.42
Singapore	1.5010-1.5020
Spain	128.45-128.55
Sweden	7.5901-7.5976
Switzerland	1.2940-1.2950

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼. Finance Hse 5½.
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¼ Low 4¾ Week fixed: 4⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4 31/32-4 27/32	5 1/32-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/32	5 5/32-5 1/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	4 31/32-4 29/32	5 1/32-5 1/32	5 3/32-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 7/16	6 1/16-6 1/16
Interbank:	4 31/32-4 29/32	5 1/32-5 1/32	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 7/16	6 1/16-6 1/16
Overnight: open 4¾, close 5¼.					
Local Authority Deps:	4 7/8	n/a	5⅛	5⅝	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	4 15/16-4 7/8	5 1/16-5 1/32	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 3/16-5 1/16	6 1/16-6 1/32
Dollar CDs:	4.75-4.72	n/a	4.90-4.87	5.25-5.22	5.70-5.67
Building Society CDs:	4 31/32-4 29/32	5 1/32-5 1/32	5 3/32-5 1/16	5 3/16-5 5/32	6 3/16-6 1/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 29, 1994 Agreed rates Aug 24, 1994 to Sept 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.50 %. Reference rate July 1, 1994 to July 29, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.246 %.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅞-4¾	4 15/16-4 13/16	5-4⅞	5 3/16-5 1/16	4⅞-3⅞
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4 15/16-4 13/16	4 15/16-4 13/16	5 1/16-4 15/16	5⅛-4⅞
French Franc:	5⅛-5⅛	5 3/16-5 1/16	5 3/16-5 3/16	6-5⅞	6-5
Swiss Franc:	4-3⅞	4⅛-3¾	4⅛-4⅛	4 5/16-4 3/16	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

Bullion: Open $381.20-381.60 Close: $381.70-382.20 High: $381.80-382.30 Low: $380.80-381.30 Krugerrand: $384.00-387.00 (£247.00-249.00)
Sovereigns: Old $90.00-92.00 (£57.50-59.50) New $90.00-92.00 (£57.50-59.50)
Platinum: $411.00 (£264.40) Silver: $5.21 (£3.355) Palladium: $152.75 ($98.25)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	580	34	—	—	13	—	—
(*605)	638	11	—	—	41	—	—
Argyll	280	18	27	35	9	17	22
(*288)	300	11	16	25	21	28	32
ASDA	60	7	10	11	3	5	6
(*64)	70	3	4	6	8	10	12
Boots	550	24	36	47	19	29	39
(*551)	600	7	16	26	53	60	65
Br Airways	390	25	34	45	13	22	27
(*394)	420	11	21	31	37	39	43
BP	390	29	37	44	8	15	20
(*406)	420	11	22	29	23	30	35
Br Steel	140	19	22	26	2	5	7
(*155)	160	6	11	15	10	14	16
C & W	460	24	37	46	20	29	36
(*460)	500	9	20	30	46	53	59
CU	500	57	69	75	4	10	17
(*547)	550	23	38	44	21	27	29
ICI	800	52	71	85	15	28	44
(*826)	850	24	44	57	40	52	69
Kingfshr	500	40	54	65	13	21	26
(*527)	550	14	29	41	39	46	51
Land Sec	650	26	35	48	16	27	30
(*665)	700	7	15	25	51	59	61
M & S	420	25	34	43	8	16	20
(*432)	460	7	15	24	32	38	42
Nat West	460	30	50	57	10	18	28
(*461)	500	15	28	36	30	36	50
Sainsbury	420	31	40	50	11	22	28
(*435)	460	12	22	31	34	43	47
Shell	700	29	44	53	16	25	35
(*718)	750	7	20	28	49	55	65
Smkl Bch	420	41	50	57	8	16	21
(*449)	460	17	27	35	16	34	41
Storehse	200	22	26	29	3	7	10
(*215)	220	9	14	18	10	15	19
Trafalgar	90	7	10	14	5	9	12
(*90)	100	3	6	9	13	16	18
Unilever	1100	49	70	89	22	33	48
(*1120)	1150	24	45	58	52	59	74
Zeneca	800	43	62	75	17	28	44
(*830)	850	17	36	50	46	54	71
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grand Met	420	30	42	50	12	21	26
(*442)	460	15	22	31	32	42	47
Ladbroke	160	17	22	27	6	12	15
(*167)	180	7	14	19	21	24	26
Utd Bisc	330	24	30	35	14	19	27
(*340)	360	9	17	22	32	36	44

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	500	28	36	47	12	16	21
(*513)	525	14	23	32	24	29	33
Thames W	500	56	61	69	5	12	17
(*546)	550	24	30	40	22	32	38
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	30	37	44	18	24	33
(*422)	460	10	20	26	45	48	58
BTR	350	28	34	39	11	14	20
(*378)	390	12	19	24	26	30	37
Br Aero	460	57	71	77	17	27	32
(*497)	500	32	49	57	35	47	53
Br Telcm	360	30	34	39	7	14	16
(*378)	390	13	18	24	21	30	32
Cadbury	460	28	40	45	15	19	28
(*474)	500	10	20	27	39	42	50
Guinness	460	30	39	47	14	19	27
(*474)	500	11	22	26	38	43	50
GEC	280	25	28	33	6	9	12
(*299)	300	13	17	22	14	19	21
Hanson	240	21	25	28	6	9	13
(*256)	260	9	14	18	15	19	23
LASMO	154	13	—	—	10	—	—
(*154)	180	5	7	11	31	32	33
Lucas	190	20	23	26	8	11	14
(*193)	200	9	13	17	19	22	25
Pilkingtn	190	22	24	24	4	8	11
(*194)	200	9	13	18	14	19	21
Prudential	300	27	33	38	8	13	20
(*319)	330	11	18	27	24	28	36
Redland	500	37	49	55	17	25	36
(*520)	550	14	27	32	48	54	66
Royal Ins	280	24	32	36	12	18	24
(*286)	300	14	22	27	26	29	35
Tesco	240	16	23	26	12	16	19
(*245)	260	7	14	17	23	27	31
Vodafone	200	15	20	25	9	13	16
(*204)	217	7	12	—	19	23	—
Williams	325	32	—	—	6	—	—
(*352)	354	14	—	—	19	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3174)

	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300
Calls						
Sep	154	113	75	47	27	13
Oct	172	135	103	75	55	39
Nov	195	159	128	100	79	57
Dec	215	180	151	121	98	77
Jun	—	276	—	217	—	172
Puts						
Sep	12	21	34	56	88	129
Oct	35	48	66	88	118	152
Nov	49	63	83	104	133	163
Dec	64	79	99	120	147	177
Jun	—	141	—	182	—	236

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	16	29	36	11	17	20
(*394)	420	5	15	22	31	35	44
Amstrad	30	4	6	6	1	3	4
(*32)	35	2	3	4	4	6	7
Barclays	550	29	47	58	8	19	29
(*567)	600	8	22	33	38	46	56
Blue Circ	300	13	22	32	11	17	24
(*304)	330	3	10	19	33	37	42
Br Gas	280	23	26	30	3	9	13
(*298)	300	9	15	20	9	19	20
Dixons	200	15	23	27	5	11	15
(*208)	220	5	13	17	16	21	26
Forte	240	13	18	25	6	13	17
(*245)	260	5	10	16	18	25	29
Hillsdwn	180	10	15	20	6	10	12
(*183)	200	3	7	12	19	23	25
Lonrho	130	9	15	18	5	8	11
(*134)	140	4	10	13	10	13	17
Sears	110	11	13	16	2	4	6
(*117)	120	4	7	10	6	9	11
Thrn Emi	1050	36	69	85	26	46	62
(*1055)	1100	15	45	61	57	74	90
Tomkins	220	20	27	30	3	7	11
(*235)	240	7	15	19	11	16	20
TSB	200	16	23	27	3	7	12
(*211)	220	5	12	16	13	17	22
Wellcome	700	32	57	76	23	40	51
(*706)	750	12	34	53	55	69	79
Series		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	600	56	67	76	17	30	40
(*645)	650	24	40	51	44	56	65
HSBC	700	43	64	86	37	55	76
(*709)	750	23	49	65	68	84	107
Reuter	500	28	45	56	17	26	35
(*507)	512	22	—	—	24	—	—
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	180	25	30	33	5	8	11
(*190)	200	13	19	22	13	17	21
Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Fisons	140	11	15	17	3	—	11
(*146)	160	2	5	8	16	21	23
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastn Elc	800	51	66	81	38	49	58
(*802)	850	28	44	58	67	77	86
Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	460	44	54	64	4	15	17
(*496)	500	16	30	41	19	31	34
Scot Pwr	420	18	33	37	14	22	29
(*421)	460	5	17	21	42	47	51

August 23, 1994 Tot: 21630 Calls: 10904 Puts: 10726 FT-SE Calls: 1296 Puts: 3742
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Nov coffee ended with a gain of over $150 as the market found buying, partly due to on-going worries about dry weather in Brazil, but this will have to extend into Sep to seriously influence a crop already affected by two major frosts. The Sep/Nov spread will derive overall support if tightness keeps rolling forward, but New York must break 200 cts/lb basis Dec for prices to really chase ahead.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1041-1040	Dec	1134-1125
Dec	1073-1072	Mar	1140-1129
Mar	1094-1092	May	1150-1148
May	1102-1100	Jul	1165-1160
Jul	1109-1108		
Sep	1122-1118	Volume:	3196

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3640-3635	May	3445-3435
Nov	3568-3565	Jul	3425-3415
Jan	3520-3515	Sep	3420-3400
Mar	3465-3460	Volume	6382

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

Spot: 308.50		May	unq
Oct	unq	Jul	—
Jan	—	Oct	—
Mar	12.30 SLR	Jan	—
		Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	321.0-19.0
Spot: 347.00		Aug	321.0-19.0
Oct	321.5-20.7	Oct	307.5-05.0
Dec	319.5-17.5	Dec	307.5-02.5
Mar	319.0-17.5	Volume:	1188

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	79.74	90.53	119.00
(+/-)	-0.23	-0.14	-2.28
Eng/Wales:	79.86	91.14	118.77
(+/-)	-0.32	-0.02	-2.39
(%)	+4.0	+3.0	+9.0
Scotland:	76.28	88.25	121.83
(+/-)	-2.20	-0.64	-1.39
(%)	+6.0	-4.0	+13.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

Open	Close	Open	Close
—	—	—	—
		Volume:	—

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	104.70
Nov	105.30
Jan	107.25
Mar	109.00
May	111.15
Volume:	330

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.15
Nov	105.20
Jan	106.75
Mar	108.70
May	110.25
Volume:	117

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Sep	unq
Nov	—
Jan	—
Mar	—
May	—
Volume:	—

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	228.5	212.5
May	unq	240.0
	Volume:	218

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 72.75-73.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): On reflection, Monday's downward correction was overdone, thus prices recovered slightly.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.35	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	15.65	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Oct)	15.95	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.10	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.20	+0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	196 (n/c)	199 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	147 (+3)	149 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Sep	148 (+2)	149 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	150 (+3)	151 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (-2)	78 (-2)
Naphtha	155 (n/c)	156 (n/c)

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GAS OIL

Sep	147.25 BID	Dec	155.00-55.25
Oct	150.50-50.75	Jan	157.00 BID
Nov	153.00-53.25	Feb	157.75-58.00
		Vol:	17360

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	15.93-15.96	Jan	16.08-16.14
Nov	16.03-16.08	Feb	16.16 SLR
Dec	16.10-16.16	Vol:	24126

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	168.00-80.00	Dec	unq
Oct	unq	Jan	—
Nov	—	Vol:	0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

Aug 94	High: 1480	Low: 1480	Close: 1483
Sep 94	1410	1405	1407
Oct 94	1418	1415	1418
Jan 95	1435	1430	1430

Vol: 139 lots Open int'st: unq Index 1503 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2377.0-2379.0	2391.0-2392.0	277150
Lead ($/tonne)	567.00-568.00	584.00-584.50	227525
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	940.50-941.50	965.00-966.00	522500
Tin ($/tonne)	5200.0-5202.0	5280.0-5285.0	24320
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1460.5-1461.0	1490.0-1490.5	930225
Nickel ($/tonne)	5750.0-5755.0	5840.0-5845.0	72204



Corporate new rules

PW celebrates Ella's 100th

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Logical link: Andrew Longhurst, left, the Cheltenham & Gloucester chief executive, and Sir Brian Pitman, the Lloyds Bank chief executive

Corporate raiders tamed by new rules and a taste for logic

Eighties-style whiz-kid takeovers are in eclipse, at least for now, and caution is the watchword. Rupert Bruce reports

After a long time in the doldrums, UK corporate financiers are back doing what they like best: mergers and acquisitions. But this is not like the late 1980s, the golden age of takeovers. Those days were characterised by "whiz-kiddery". Takeover specialists seemed to be able to make two plus two equal five. Today, takeovers are characterised by cool industrial logic, rather than short-term financial considerations.

Most deals nowadays are intended to complement the core business. In the late 1980s, acquisitive companies would frequently justify purchases with promises that they would enhance earnings the following year.

"People have adopted a policy of sticking to their knitting," said Stephen Latner, deputy chairman of S. G. Warburg & Co, the merchant bank. "At the moment, companies tend to have a philosophy that says 'We are not going to branch out and do things that we do not understand and we are looking at strategic deals'. They may be prepared *to take a reduction in earnings per share if it is strategically justified.*"

One of the favourite tricks of the 1980s was for companies with high price/earnings ratios to buy companies with lower price/earnings ratios. Such deals might ignore long-term strategy, but simple mathematics would ensure that they enhanced earnings and pleased shareholders in the first year.

Some of the accounting practices that accompanied takeovers were even more dubious. By using various ingenious techniques, finance directors could avoid the true cost of acquisitions ever appearing in the profit-and-loss account. The true state of some of these companies' finances were only revealed as many went to the wall during the recession.

There has been a groundswell in merger and acquistion activity since spring. According to *Acquisitions Monthly*, there were 697 acquistions of UK companies, worth a total of more than £9 billion, in the first half of this year. Although a far cry from 1989, the year of takeover fever, when there were more than 2,000 acquisitions, worth £45.5 billion, this represents a clear advance on the 549, valued at £6.8 billion, in the first half of last year.

Luke Withnell, a director of NatWest Markets Corporate Finance, says: "The business community is now, for the first time in three or four years, confident about the way things are going here and in the United States, and that gives them the confidence to move and expand. That is particularly so now. Following the shakeout of the last six months, businesses look much cheaper than they did. Most people are saying that businesses are now fairly priced, or even a bit on the cheap side."

The logic of most of the best-known deals is exemplary. In the television industry, the £766 million takeover of Granada Group by LWT and the £283 million acquisition of Anglia Television Group by MAI were both sparked off by regulatory changes. These developments and rapid change in the television industry worldwide have led to *widespread recognition of the benefits of being part of a* large company. The radio industry is also undergoing a period of consolidation spurred by regulatory changes. The best known of a series of deals is the hostile £72 million bid by Emap, the publishing group, for Trans World Communications, the northern radio broadcasting company. The wave of acquisitions in this business is justified by the cost savings of rationalisation and benefits of controlling radio advertising over large slices of the country.

> "In most bids across sectors, the only people who make money are those who own the companies bid for"

Lloyds Bank's proposed £1.8 billion purchase of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society is likewise nothing if not exceedingly logical. The bank is attempting to boost its share of the mortgage market by selling C&G products through its branch network. And Tesco's £247 million bid for Wm Low is designed to give it a significant presence in Scotland.

Most corporate financiers attribute the newfound wisdom of company directors to the stage of the business cycle. "If you look at the sorts of deals that get done starting at the beginning of the cycle, it is all reconstructing and saving companies from the receiver," said Mr Withnell. "Then you get logical deals, where people are building market share and expanding overseas, and as the market moves on you get more extremes of behaviour and some silly deals."

Big institutional investors, which often have the power to say whether a bid succeeds, are also looking for logic.

"People have realised today that in most bids where companies are bidding across sectors, the only people who have tended to make money are the people who own the companies being bid for, rather than the people making the bid," said David Rough, investment director with Legal & General, the life insurance company with £33 billion under management. "Managements realise that they have to have much more justification for what they are doing rather just making a bold move, because an acquisition could be a career-inhibiting move. If shareholders are much more demanding, asking 'What are the savings and what are the benefits?', bids are going to be much more difficult, unless they are agreed, because with an agreed bid you will have been able to look at the books, whereas, with aggressive bids, the companies do not know what they are buying."

Company executives who do make bids that are not obviously justified by logic may have to pay the price. Greg Hutchings, chief executive of Tomkins, expressed astonishment in July at the poor performance of his share price when he revealed a better than expected 50 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £257 million. "We win every match and we still are at the bottom of the league," he said. Tomkins shares had underperformed the market by almost 30 per cent since it announced its £990 million bid for Ranks Hovis McDougall in October 1992. However, shareholders have yet to be convinced that Tomkins has the expertise to revitalise the bakeries business.

Although these attitudes could be purely attributed to bad memories of the 1980s, there is a fundamental change this time. The Accounting Standards Board is trying to eliminate the accounting abuses employed in some acquisitions. It has already introduced the FRS2 ruling on treatment of "goodwill" on disposal of a business, and is due to introduce FRS7 this autumn, which, if applied in its existing form, will reform some of the more notorious dodges of acquisition accounting.

With these abuses, an acquiring company might put what it calls a "fair value" on the company or assets bought. The difference between what it has paid for the assets and this fair value is known as "goodwill". Before FRS2, if a business were bought for £500 million and had assets of £150 million, then £350 million would have been written off straight to reserves without registering *in the profit-and-loss account. If the* business were subsequently sold for £400 million, a profit of £250 million would be recorded. Under the new rule, a loss of £100 million would have to go in the account.

The proposed FRS7 rule is seeking to stamp out the practice of companies making provisions against future reorganisation or other costs when buying a company. At present, these provisions need to go through the profit-and-loss account and so boost profits. FRS7 would stop prevent such provision at the time of takeover.

James Lupton, a director of Baring Brothers, the merchant bank, said: "Accounting, I think, is having a big influence because it is stopping those Thatcherite entrepreneurs who cajoled the market into giving them lots of money in equities and persuaded the market that all of these acquisitions were very respectable when all they were doing was manufacturing profits.

"I suppose it is inevitable that, at some later stage of the takeover cycle, these excesses will creep back. Because of changes in accounting and the size of the losses in the 1980s, I doubt that they will creep back to such an extent."

TEMPUS

Freight feud

LIFE at the top of a workers' republic can be insecure, as any number of tyrants have found to their cost. But life at the top of formerly employee-owned NFC seems unusually bloody. Robbie Burns, the man who, analysts privately say, had claimed he would be the next top dog, will not now be departing at the end of next month. In his place, Peter Sherlock, widely seen as the man who initially sacked Mr Burns, has gone overnight.

The difficulty for the investor is that there is little certainty that either of the winners of this palace revolution, Mr Burns or Trevor Larman, the finance director who would now appear to be *de facto* in charge, have the abilities to pilot the company away from the dangerously choppy waters in which it finds itself.

NFC's last figures were pretty poor, operating profits buoyed up by property profits and a rise in the pension credit, while performance across the various divisions was decidedly mixed. The group appears to have a knack of sliding into difficulties in one area even as it recovers elsewhere. Yesterday's warning that shortages of skilled drivers in North America were biting must put a question mark over the group's ability to manage itself out of recession.

The third-quarter profit estimate served up with yesterday's board shake-up may have reassured the market as to the absence of actual black holes, but it was still below expectations. For the current year, NFC's shares now sell on 15 times earnings, but further progress will await the arrival of a chief executive the City can rely on, and that wait could be a long one.

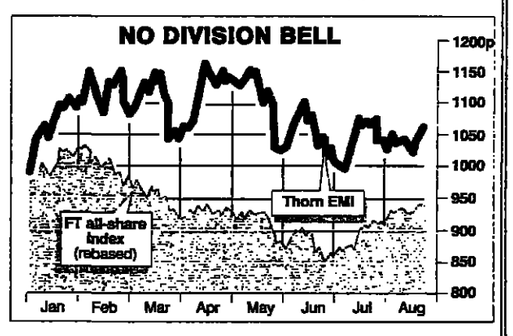
Thorn EMI

NO MATTER what Sir Colin Southgate says about the logic of keeping Thorn EMI together, investors still worry that the group's structure locks away the hidden value of the music business. Good first-quarter results yesterday, with a 17 per cent boost to EMI Music, helped by Pink Floyd's *The Division Bell* album, could not prevent the demerger lobby from marking the shares down.

Cynics see EMI Music as a bid target, with any number of the wealthy multimedia groups a candidate to take over a demerged music business. Such a scenario provides a rationale for management to preserve the current structure, with rentals acting as a stumbling block to potential predators.

If the rentals business is a stumbling block, it is goldplated one. Thorn Group lifted its operating profits by 10 per cent, but more important are the plans to widen its range from television sets and video recorders to cookers and furniture. In spite of the Treasury's best efforts to raise consumer spending, it appears that 20 per cent of people find it hard to get credit, and Thorn is only too happy to oblige by charging 35 per cent APR to those without a flexible friend.

In the absence of legislative interference, there is no reason why the rental business should not keep growing alongside more fashionable music. The demerger option remains as a tease that should keep the shares at a healthy premium.



Wace

WACE paid dearly for its go-go acquisition strategy of the late Eighties. Even if it had not been for the completely unfounded and untrue suggestions of links with the IRA, the company would have fallen on hard times in the recession, simply because its balance sheet was too small to cope with the speed of its expansion.

Now, however, the new management is proving that the people who built the group had a point, even though the execution of their plans left *much to be desired. The* demand for pre-press services is not shrinking, in spite of the claims of pundits that desktop publishing would make it a thing of the past. The business can command high margins and is not particularly capital intensive.

Now that Wace has sold or shut some of its loss-makers, those attractive features are becoming apparent. Operating margins are still only 8.5 per cent, but have potential to rise into double figures.

The business is also highly cash-generative. Wace has restored its interest cover to five times, and debts are falling rapidly. Soon, the company will be left with only its £40 million medium-term facility to worry about. That will encourage it to begin to make acquisitions once again, although it is to be hoped that it will be less hyperactive than before. Since the shares, on a normalised tax charge, trade on an earnings multiple in the mid-20s, the company would benefit from using paper, rather than cash, to bag its prey.

Oil

IT'S NOT just newspapers that have silly seasons. Commodity markets, starved of real news to justify buying long or selling short, grab the nearest rumour and run with it. The oil price, which peaked at $19 per barrel at the beginning of August, has since plunged below £16 for Brent blend, leaving analysts scrabbling for explanations.

They are unlikely to find many. The supply/demand balance has not changed in the space of a few weeks. Prices ran ahead in late spring on the strength of favourable forecasts of growing demand from OECD countries. Add to that, the loss of a third of Nigeria's supply because of strike action and you have the recipe for a spike in the price. The market may be right to discount a return to normal exports from Nigeria, but that scarcely justifies a complete U-turn from all the gains made since the feel-good factor began to influence the oil price in April and May.

One problem seems to be concern about a lack of signs of the normal build-up in demand that occurs in the third *quarter, ahead of the North*ern Hemisphere winter. Added to that, are fears that maintenance work on American refineries will lead to a temporary build-up in inventories, while concern about the removal of Iraqi sanctions, and a resumption of oil exports, bubbles in the background. Opec has so far not sought to react to the Nigerian supply cuts nor the signals of improved growth in OECD energy demand. By keeping production at 24.8 million barrels, Opec is saying something about its confidence in $19 oil.

BUSINESS LETTERS

BNFL contradictory about fighting plutonium crime

From Professor Joseph Rotblat

Sir, You report ("BNFL plan targets plutonium crime", August 20) the intention of British Nuclear Fuels to build a plant to convert plutonium from the former Soviet Union into atomic power station fuel. This sounds an admirable idea, and there will be general agreement with the statement by BNFL's chief executive that "the only sensible way of getting rid of the surplus *plutonium is to burn it in* nuclear reactors". However, any notion that BNFL is planning this because it is bothered about "plutonium crime" has to be discarded in view of the fact that huge quantities of weapon material are being continually fabricated in its reprocessing plant — Thorp.

It has been known for a long time that plutonium produced in nuclear reactors during the generation of electricity is suitable material for nuclear weapons. This reactor-grade plutonium differs from weapon-grade pluronium mainly in that a somewhat larger quantity of it is needed for a fission bomb and its explosive yield is less certain. Any action to curb the diversion of weapon material must thus include plutonium from reactors.

The amount of military plutonium in the world is huge, nearly 300 tonnes, but the amount of plutonium produced in civilian reactors is *larger still, about three times* larger.

Actually, this plutonium would be secure against diversion if it were left alone in spent fuel rods; the highly radioactive fission products with which it is mixed constitute a radiation barrier to theft, effective for the next 50 to 100 years. But this barrier is taken away when the plutonium is chemically separated in reprocessing plants, such as Thorp.

It is nonsensical (except for the profit element) for BNFL to build a plant to enable some plutonium to be burned and the remainder made safe by mixing it with fission product, while at the same time another of its plants is carrying out the reverse process and keeps churning out much larger quantities of plutonium, mainly for export to other countries.

Plutonium is a valuable store of energy. But with so much natural uranium in the world, and its low market *price, there is no need for the* reprocessing of plutonium from spent reactor fuel for quite a long time.

If we are really serious about halting the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and if we want to check the black market in bomb materials, an important step would be to halt (or at least greatly reduce) the separation of plutonium in reprocessing plants.

Yours faithfully,
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Labour's pledge on taxing share options

From Mrs Sonia Gable

Sir, The reaction to the Labour Party's pledge to end tax relief for executive share option schemes smacks of scaremongering. Several companies have very successful share option schemes that do not qualify for the tax reliefs, either because they have an overseas parent company or because they prefer the greater flexibility allowed in a so-called unapproved scheme. There is no reason to suppose that such schemes will not continue and become more widespread if the tax reliefs are abolished.

Indeed, if share option schemes depended entirely on tax breaks for their popularity, they would have suffered a far greater blow when the last Conservative government aligned the tax rates for income tax and capital gains tax. This has led to most share option gains being taxed at 40 per cent, instead of 30 per cent, a more significant tax increase than Labour's proposed ending of the annual exemption for the first £5,800 of gains.

The other tax advantage that the Labour proposal would end is that share option gains are only taxed when the gain is realised, that is when the shares are sold, rather than when the option is realised and the shares acquired. This is what people in unapproved schemes are faced with at present. The problem is easily overcome by selling enough shares immediately the option is exercised to raise the money to pay the tax. Many beneficiaries of share option schemes prefer to do this anyway in order to make money available for other purposes.

The attraction of share options is not the tax reliefs, which are now minor, but the huge profits that can be made in a successful company, especially when a company is sold or floated on the stock market. The Labour Party's proposal would not affect these profits.

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

PW celebrates Ella's 100th

STAFF at Price Waterhouse turned out yesterday to welcome for lunch Ella Scotchmer, a formidably fit former secretary who has just celebrated her 100th birthday. Ella joined the firm in 1920 and spent 17 years there, working as assistant secretary to one of the senior partners, Sir Albert Wyon. After a further 17-year stint with International Harvester Company, she retired on her 60th birthday — and has been busy ever since. Not only is she now taking classes in mathematics and yoga (among other activities), but can often be seen travelling by bus to the Hurlingham Ladies Bowls club in south west London, taking her woods in a shopping trolley. Four years ago, she mortgaged her house for a world cruise. Just to round off the tale, her "nephew", Bruce Perry, is famous as the policeman who used his helmet to cover the streaker at Twickenham in 1974.

No strings

AN outbreak of summer sadism from Harrison Willis, the financial recruitment company, which may have proved once and for all that accountants are not the boring stick-figures they are made out to be. New Zealand-based AJ Hackett Bungy, the largest bungy-jumping company in the world, asked Harrison Willis to find a finance director for their UK operation ... with one special consideration. Yes, you've guessed it. Applicants had to undertake a jump as part of the interview. Undeterred, Jeremy Sell, the short-listed candidate, was flown to a jump site in France to take the plunge before a final decision on his appointment was made. Sell, 34, previously group finance director at Vallin Pollen, the PR company, appears sanguine about his experience. "It is certainly a good way of finding out more about the business," he says. His short-listing proved warranted. He got the job. No strings



"These cards are so smart they refuse to make nuisance calls"

Lexus rescue

CONTRARY to popular belief, not all car dealers are cowboys, as newly-weds Lisa and David Roach discovered on their wedding day last week. Five miles short of a lavish reception at Nailcote Hall, Berkswell, their vintage Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost spluttered to a halt yards from the newly-opened Ryland Solihull dealership, owned by the soon-to-be-floated Ryland Group. Realising their predicament, Alistair Simpson, the sales manager, quickly produced the ignition keys for the most prestigious vehicle on his forecourt, a shiny new Lexus GS300 (list price £31,950), and whisked the couple and their hapless chauffeur to their reception, while Ryland's service department attended to the Roller. "This is not our normal idea of a test drive," says Peter Whale, Ryland's chairman, "but I understand that Lisa and David were very much taken with the suspension and the interior trim of the Lexus."

Kiwi cash

NEW Zealand's *National Business Review* has just published its annual list of the country's richest individuals and families. New entries to the listings suggest that sportsmen are likely to fare rather better in the earnings stakes than those in the arts, even if the old money stays with business. Bob Charles, the golfer, is said to have amassed a tidy £4 million, while opera star Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and actor Sam Neill each weigh in with about £3.2 million. New Zealand's wealthiest individual is 77-year-old Douglas Goodfellow, who is worth a reputed £116 million on the back of holdings in a fishing company, along with a chemical and animal health concern. Sir Ron Brierley, feisty corporate raider of old, trails with a mere £44 million.

On your bike

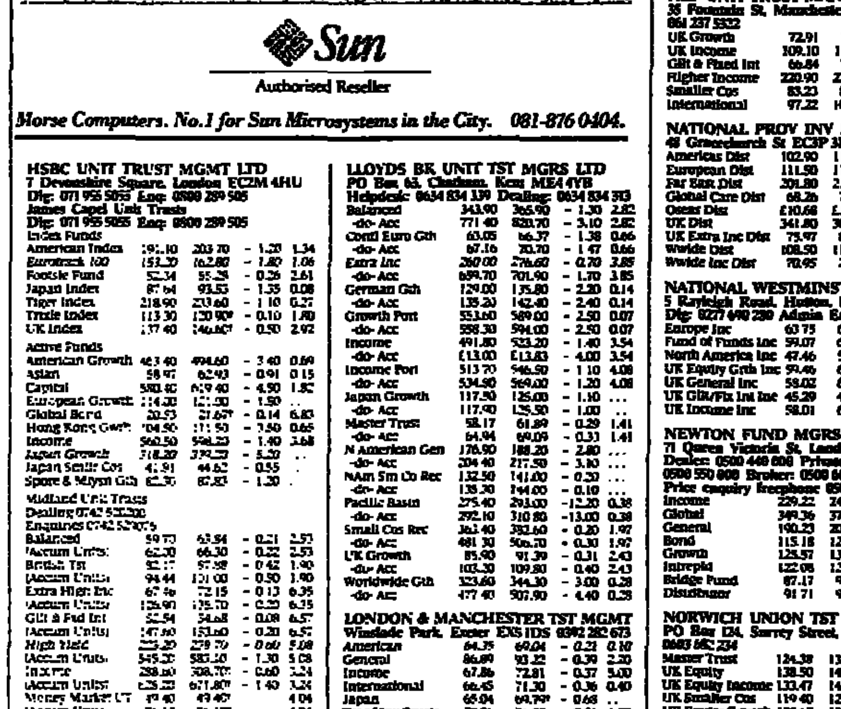
WHEELERS and dealers who cycle to City jobs will soon have more space to park their bikes. The Corporation of London hopes to introduce an extra 1,000 cycle spaces spread over 100 different City sites to encourage people to get on their bikes and into the office on time. On-street parking is being put in place for about 130 bicycles. The rest are expected to follow shortly.

MY apologies to the family of Carole Raschkes, the Touche Ross marketing manager who died in a parachuting accident at the weekend. Her first name was inadvertently misspelt yesterday.

JON ASHWORTH

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ 0895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	158.30	167.10	-0.30	0.11
Grofund Equity	239.50	253.50	-0.80	1.39
Grofund Euro	199.40	210.50†	-0.80	0.18
Grofund Expt Bal	115.70	119.90†		2.01
Grofund Gilt	70.74	72.92†	-0.32	5.63
Grofund Japan	197.50	208.90	-1.90	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	534.30	566.50	-2.40	2.62
General Inc	477.90	508.00	-2.30	2.62
UK Growth Acc	360.30	383.40	-1.40	2.71
UK Growth Inc	250.10	266.10	-1.10	2.71
Higher Inc Acc	669.40	712.20	-1.30	3.68
Higher Inc Inc	395.30	420.60	-0.80	3.68
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	177.20	187.20	-0.20	6.14
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.44	93.43	-0.10	6.14
Nth America	246.90	262.70	-0.30	...
Far East	376.50	400.60	-4.90	...
Europe	271.00	288.40	-3.20	0.79
Brit Excell	71.44	76.00	-0.30	2.92
Brit Fndmntls Acc	99.54	105.90		4.55
Brit Fndmntls Inc	74.67	79.44	-0.07	4.55
Global Opps	84.48	89.88	-0.46	0.15
Balanced Acc	54.01	57.46†	-0.21	2.69
Balanced Inc	53.26	56.66†	-0.21	2.69
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	125.90	133.60	-0.40	5.99
High Inc Equity	162.40	173.70	-0.40	4.53
Worldwide Bond	264.50	280.50†	-1.30	3.74
Capital Growth				
American Growth	284.30	304.00	-1.30	0.75
Asian Pacific	343.90	365.90	-3.90	...
Assets & Earnings	265.00	281.90	-0.70	2.37
Comdty & Energy	118.50	126.10	-1.20	0.36
Euro Capital Inc	131.30	140.40	-1.50	0.69
General	223.70	238.00	-0.30	2.29
Japan	136.10	146.90	-1.30	...
Mastertrust	143.10	153.00	-0.90	1.22
UK Growth Dist	124.90	138.90	-0.20	2.16
US Emerging Cos	124.90	133.60	-0.60	...
Income & Growth	386.50	411.20	-1.60	3.04
Ethical	70.12	74.60	-0.90	2.55
International	119.40	127.00	-0.80	0.52
Dividend & Growth	61.14	65.04	-0.26	4.32
Global Gwth & Sec	65.61	69.94	-0.10	2.44
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£17.13	£17.88		...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	61.58	62.73†	-0.24	0.79
Amer Inc & Growth	42.83	45.22	-0.32	0.69
Cash	50.39	50.39	+0.01	4.47
European	110.00	116.80	-1.40	...
Exempt	£10.11	£10.77†	+2.10	1.72
Extra Income	52.52	56.18	-0.09	4.23
Far East Emg Ecn	119.30	128.40†	-1.40	0.49
Fixed Interest	22.67	24.20	-0.06	7.59
Fund Inv Tst	182.50	194.90	-0.40	0.86
Japan	199.60	212.50†	-3.20	...
Latin American	79.28	84.64†	-1.46	0.57
Pacific	75.40	80.63	-0.70	0.33
Property Share	68.00	72.59†	-0.28	1.81
UK Emerging Cos	64.89	69.27†	+0.01	1.79
UK Growth	44.90	48.46	-0.13	2.41
World Growth	74.78	79.81	-0.47	0.68
Ethical	62.49	66.71	-0.26	2.63
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.15	49.15	-0.02	6.63
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	97.45	103.67†	-0.38	2.89
UK Equity Growth	87.44	93.02	-0.33	2.10
European	69.70	74.15	-0.76	0.88
Nth American	66.85	71.12	-0.08	1.27
Far Eastern	76.32	81.19	-0.84	0.53
Money	66.30	66.30	+0.01	3.73
Fixed Interest	68.50	72.87	-0.09	7.20
Index Linked Gilt	63.93	68.01	-0.01	1.40
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 23 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	70.46	74.96†	-0.11	2.72
British Income	80.34	85.47†	-0.20	3.44
Select Portfolio	88.81	94.48†	-0.18	..
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 101 King's Road, Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	75.81	80.43	-0.39	2.31
Income Builder Inc	68.19	72.54	-0.43	2.71
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	234.20	250.30	-0.50	3.26
Capital	417.00	445.70	-0.10	1.74
Balanced	688.30	735.60	...	2.71
Accumulator	£12.44	£13.29	-1.00	2.95
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.31	50.57†	-0.11	3.64
High Income	403.10	430.90	-0.70	3.58
Equity Income	224.30	239.70†	-0.60	3.57
High Yield	245.80	262.70	-0.40	3.57
Govt Securities	32.20	33.99	...	5.35
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.10	144.40	...	0.42
European Growth	35.86	38.20†	-0.24	0.08
International	166.60	178.00	...	0.22
Japan	235.80	251.70	-2.30	0.01
Pacific	432.30	462.10	-4.80	0.02
Secs of America	400.60	428.60	+0.90	0.44
Wwide Asset Val	49.88	53.32†	-0.30	0.19
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	520.40	556.30	-0.20	2.34
Conv & Gilt	44.38	47.44†	-0.03	4.62
Smaller Cos	170.10	181.80†	-0.30	1.24
2nd Smaller Cos	161.60	172.70	+0.30	1.18
Recovery	140.30	149.90	+0.20	1.74
Met Min & Cdty	153.80	164.40	+0.40	0.85
Oseas Earnings	353.30	377.60	-0.50	1.94
Technology	155.20	165.90	...	0.01
UK Special Sits	455.00	486.30†	-0.20	1.86
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	97.51	101.30	+1.00	1.45
Foundtn Penl Pens	62.06	64.47	+0.93	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6767				
Capital	71.84	76.43†	+0.07	1.88
International	65.22	69.38†		0.13
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	279.70	301.60	+0.10	...
Bond	108.20	113.80	-0.20	7.38
Brit Smlr Cos	100.80	107.20	-0.30	1.29
Conv & Gen	66.06	70.50†	+0.07	5.29
Energy	437.00	473.30	-1.90	0.22
Europe	240.60	256.00	-0.50	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	107.40	114.30	-0.60	0.61
Income Gwth	345.30	368.50	+0.20	4.30
Japan	352.00	374.10	-3.00	...
Pacific	112.40	119.60	-1.10	0.71
UK Smllr Cos	52.63	55.99	+0.03	0.90
Japan Fd	809.90	833.50	-7.70	...
Mngd Fd	173.90	195.00	-0.30	2.91
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	285.90	301.00	+1.70	1.25
Capital Gwth	115.70	121.80	+1.00	2.19
Wwide Opps	186.00	195.80	+0.90	0.42
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brst Inv Fd Inc	347.30	361.70	-2.80	2.73
European Bc Inc	57.77	60.85†	-0.02	8.22
Exempt	74.14	79.25	-0.34	4.15
Financial	70.90	75.93	-0.10	2.70
500.0	450.80	482.10†	-0.50	2.27
General	272.80	291.70	-1.10	2.57
Property	249.30	266.60	...	5.70
Trustee	178.30	190.60	-1.0	2.17
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†		4.22
Extra Income	117.50	125.70	-0.30	3.92
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.14	56.98†	+0.03	5.92
Income	522.00	559.40†	-2.10	4.03
Income Builder	63.03	67.06†	-0.22	4.65
Intl Income	64.49	68.61	-0.47	3.49
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	114.90	122.50†	-0.40	2.60
Leisure	121.90	130.40	-0.90	1.19
Recovery	415.30	444.10	-1.70	2.37
Smllr Cos Inc	42.84	45.94†	-0.06	1.70
Special Sits	277.10	296.40	-1.60	1.53
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	123.60	131.20	-0.20	0.62
Aust Acc	251.90	268.00	-2.40	2.0
Aust Inc	156.60	166.60	-1.50	2.0
Euro Gwth Inc	149.50	158.90†	-2.50	0.48
Japan & Gen Inc	197.20	208.80	-1.70	..
Japan Spec Sits	91.43	96.85	-0.91	..
Univ Tech Inc	80.78	85.42	-0.70	0.35
Worldwide	175.70	186.50†	-1.80	0.59
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	90.06	95.73	-0.51	..
Amer Smlr Cos	119.70	128.90	-0.20	..
Cash Trust	50.09	50.09	+0.01	4.10
Convertibles	56.53	60.45	-0.07	5.40
Eastern	290.10	312.30	-3.50	0.10
Equity Income	88.64	94.29†	-0.12	4.90
European Growth	292.20	310.60	-2.90	1.00
Europe	220.60	236.80	-1.40	0.60
German Growth	71.95	76.66	-1.03	0.10
Global Bond	61.41	64.75†	-0.11	5.70
Global Growth	124.80	133.40	-1.20	...
Japan Growth	221.10	236.30	-1.70	..
Japan Sunrise	201.00	214.10	-1.50	...
Korea Trust	90.90	96.87	-0.99	..
Portfolio	132.50	141.70†	-0.50	1.60
UK Growth	86.93	92.47	-0.07	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	90.60	96.89	-0.04	1.50
Select Managers	74.38	79.65	-0.26	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	79.19	84.24†	-0.84	..
Special Oppor Inc	57.13	60.78†	-1.29	..
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	165.40	176.90†	-0.40	0.92
Dividend	82.44	88.17	-0.40	3.91
Int Gth & Inc	210.80	225.50†	+0.60	2.70
UK & Gen	43.40	46.42†	-0.15	1.43
Fund of Funds	66.63	71.26	+0.01	..
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 225 6020				
Balanced Growth	105.76	111.98	-0.56	1.93
Smaller Cos	105.57	111.72	-0.03	1.15
Higher Yield	43.93	46.48†	-0.23	3.61
American Gth Inc	70.60	74.71†	-0.40	...
European Growth	135.14	143.00	-2.14	0.04
Global Bond Inc	26.66	28.15	-0.16	5.40
Mngd Pfolio Inc	42.77	45.25	-0.38	1.07
Int Spec Opps	117.44	124.28	-1.53	0.10
Pacific Grth	137.13	145.11	-1.58	..
Formerly LAS				
UK General	78.16	82.70	-0.35	2.06
Japan	71.01	75.14†	-0.55	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.61	93.50†	-0.03	6.89
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	63.33	64.14	-0.01	6.14
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	152.40	162.20	-0.70	1.49
UK Growth	164.40	174.90†	-0.90	2.14
UK Income	131.60	140.00	-0.50	4.21
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	185.10	196.30†	-1.10	2.02
-do- Income Dist	106.90	113.30	-0.30	4.41
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.15	40.44†	-0.07	6.73
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	145.60	154.90	-0.80	...
European Inc	77.91	82.68†	-0.75	0.53
Smaller Cos (4-1)	81.25	86.41	-0.01	1.66
Growth	409.50	435.40†	-5.00	2.19
Income & Growth	404.10	429.70†	+1.20	3.78
Japan & Gen	81.59	86.80	-1.02	
Master Portfolio	£103.44	£107.48†	-13.00	1.89
Special Sits	94.87	100.93†	-0.32	2.20
High Yield	£13.15	£13.56	-4.00	4.21
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	35.26	37.71	-0.24	0.30
Cash Income	50.33	50.33	...	4.95
European Gwth	40.30	42.92	-0.49	...
Income & Gwth Inc	27.48	29.39	-0.36	4.17
Intnl Gwth	31.49	33.67	-0.21	0.15
Japan Gwth	30.23	32.33†	-0.44	...
Managed Tst Inc	48.44	51.80	-0.42	1.21
Oriental Opps Inc	149.30	158.60†	-1.80	...
Property Shares	38.94	41.64	-0.13	0.57
Smaller Cos	32.00	34.22	+0.88	1.25
UK Growth Tst	25.56	27.33	-0.33	2.13
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.42	77.45	-0.78	1.47
Cap Hse UK Inc	66.74	71.37	-0.77	2.49
Exempt (C)	28.40	29.21	..	2.33
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	142.70	152.60†	+2.10	1.71
Foundation	93.15	99.62	-0.38	2.78
German	52.41	56.05	-0.85	...
High Income	73.92	79.05	-0.31	5.64
Income	137.90	147.40	-0.30	3.02
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	84.19	90.04	-0.25	3.96
North American	101.00	108.00	...	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	81.58	87.02†	-0.02	2.31
American Portfolio	86.64	92.30	+0.14	1.06
European Portfolio	95.86	102.07	-0.79	0.83
Japanese Portfolio	74.53	79.31†	-0.70	...
Pacific Portfolio	143.38	154.19	-1.43	0.75
UK Inc & Growth	75.38	80.76	-0.09	3.46
Utility & Bond	55.81	56.45	+0.06	5.85
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5080				
UK General Tst	64.67	68.79	-0.25	2.91
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	138.69	151.00	..	..
UK Income	110.07	120.00†	..	5.000
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	75.76	80.33	...	2.08
Beck Bio-Tech	26.05	29.00		
Acorn Ethical Tst	156.35	164.58		1.28
City Fin Assets	71.62	76.19	...	1.04
City Fin America	82.71	87.06		
City Fin Intl	79.14	83.25	...	0.48
City Fin Japan	183.87	193.55		
Friars Hse Cap	271.23	293.43†	...	1.45
Friars Hse Inc	199.74	212.49		3.82
Buckley Wrld Grth	134.79	143.39	...	0.08
Fairmnt Cap Gth	144.29	151.88		
-do- Inc & Gth	111.09	116.94	...	1.54
Fairmount Intl	160.82	169.28		
City Fin Pfio Inc	57.73	61.42	...	4.01
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	57.62	61.14	+0.19	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	52.19	55.82	-0.28	..
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.72	39.27	-0.46	0.33
Dragon Growth	71.86	76.86	-1.04	0.30
Equity High Inc	82.23	87.48	-0.26	3.73
European Gwth	49.99	53.18	-0.59	0.80
Evergreen	29.77	31.84	-0.22	...
General Equity	82.29	87.31	-0.36	2.42
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.60	24.52	-0.02	8.32
Japan Growth	56.65	60.59	-1.08	...
Pedigree Gwth	50.32	53.53	-0.18	2.46
Ped Sm Cos Inc	31.41	33.41	-0.06	0.87
Retirement Inc	26.00	27.81	-0.06	5.47
Special Sits	37.60	40.21	-0.13	1.72
UK & Overseas	47.90	50.96	-0.45	0.98
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	64.78	69.28†	-0.35	2.34
Income	58.74	62.82†	-0.20	3.93
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	160.55	170.80	-0.39	5.25
Fixed & Convertible	40.49	43.07†	-0.10	7.31
Monthly Inc Plus	47.59	50.95	-0.31	8.79
Preference Share	46.54	49.51†	-0.16	7.41
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	124.13	132.05†	-0.41	7.08
Managed Fund	66.80	71.06	-0.36	2.50
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.68	43.28	-0.02	1.57
UK & General	78.50	83.51	-0.41	2.30
UK Growth	139.24	148.13	-1.03	2.30
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	192.89	205.20	-2.20	0.24
Far Eastern Grth	139.20	148.09	-1.89	...
Global Bond	78.96	83.94	-0.36	6.24
Japan Growth	134.27	142.84	-1.71	...
North Amer Grth	154.56	164.43	-0.43	...
Oriental Growth	79.95	85.05	-1.05	...
Worldwide Growth	64.28	68.38	-0.58	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.70	92.70	+0.01	4.43
Homemaker Fund	76.72	81.62	-0.13	1.85
Quilter Fund	128.95	137.18†	-0.68	2.49
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 540				
Growth Inc	58.19	61.90†	-0.22	3.00
High Income	33.55	35.69	-0.07	4.60
Japan	39.06	41.55	-0.49	...
Smaller Cos Inc	31.49	33.49	-0.02	2.30
Smaller Cos	33.02	35.12	-0.03	2.30
North American	32.51	34.58	-0.14	0.40
European	37.45	39.83	-0.42	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	30.99	33.28†	...	3.25
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	143.70	152.90	+0.10	1.85
Income	71.77	76.36†	-0.07	4.96
European	60.66	64.54	-0.51	0.60
Recovery	143.20	152.40	-0.10	1.87
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	807.80	822.10†	...	3.78
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	70.90	75.42	+0.06	1.36
Income	234.20	249.10	-0.70	4.60
Smaller Cos	149.70	159.20	-0.20	0.84
Inv Portfolio	78.19	83.18	-0.22	1.44
High Income Port	68.25	72.60	-0.15	4.78
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 156 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 418 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.83	£16.23	...	..
Japan Small Cos	£14.34	£14.60	...	..
UK Small Cos	£17.94	£18.70	...	..
US Small Cos	£15.75	£16.10	...	..
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	201.70	212.30		2.48
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	273.00	288.70	-3.50	0.97
New Asia	223.60	238.70	-3.60	..
Japan Growth	137.40	146.31	-2.30	..
Jap Smllr Cos	583.50	620.10	-9.60	..
Nth Amer	241.20	256.60†	-0.90	0.93
Shifrd Asia Pac Mr	125.20	132.30	-1.60	0.34
UK Inc & Grth	212.60	227.20	-0.80	3.23
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	138.10	146.90	-0.80	1.82
UK High Inc Inc	150.60	160.20	-0.60	4.50
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.42	58.80	-0.19	5.33
Envrnmntl Opps	82.39	87.65	-0.38	1.07
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	117.30	124.40	-0.40	1.00
Convertibles	21.62	22.97	-0.02	7.18
Equity Income	126.90	134.80	-0.40	3.71
EuroFund	45.72	48.48	-0.15	0.41
Financial	46.93	49.92	+0.10	1.60
Growth & Inc	231.20	245.70†	+0.20	3.05
High Dist	155.70	165.40	-0.20	4.53
International	406.70	432.10	+0.30	0.17
Int Cap Inc	95.89	102.40†	-0.30	2.54
Latin American	51.44	54.66†	+1.54	...
Pacific	86.52	92.25	-0.25	..
Preference Share	22.32	23.72†	-0.05	6.96
Tokyo	248.90	264.20	-1.70	...
UK Smaller Cos	230.20	244.60	...	1.02
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL 071 242 0242				
Elzon Trust	210.89	225.14	+0.01	1.02
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	207.90	221.10	..	0.50
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QW 0296 431 480				
European	79.66	84.06	-1.38	1.65
Ethical Tst	46.28	48.72	-0.12	1.11
Far Eastern	317.70	334.42	-3.19	1.54
High Income	134.22	141.28	+0.14	4.50
Intl Growth	119.90	126.21	-0.30	1.35
North American	107.32	112.97	-0.35	1.09
Pelican	116.50	122.63	+0.04	3.06
Smaller Cos	72.09	75.85	-0.05	2.11
Special Sits	91.54	96.36	+0.01	2.36
Tst of Inv Tsts	139.36	149.33†	+0.31	1.43
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	212.99	221.86	-0.50	1.18
Smaller Cos Acc	369.90	385.21	-0.96	1.18
Recovery	54.44	56.71	-0.12	1.15
Recovery Acc	54.57	56.84	-0.13	1.15
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.59	113.39	+0.01	5.98
Capital Growth	84.08	91.13	+0.08	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.49	49.55†	-0.03	0.58
High Income	46.88	50.24†	-0.03	8.82
Warrant	62.00	67.30	-0.20	..
Zero Preference	36.02	38.22		
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	76.52	81.40†	-0.14	2.09
Family Income Tst	45.77	48.77†	-0.11	5.74
Family Trust	88.46	94.10†	...	1.05
United Charities	262.70	279.50	..	2.80
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.30
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.14	25.49	-0.06	2.53
-do- Europe	23.95	25.32	-0.07	4.26
-do- America	22.19	23.38	-0.13	...
-do- Acc Japan	27.91	29.39	-0.27	
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.21	26.47†	-0.04	8.29
Intl Bond	27.71	28.77†	-0.13	5.48
Income Funds				
High Income	25.66	27.09†	-0.01	5.39
Income Plus	115.10	122.40	-0.20	3.74
Amer Eq Inc	46.31	49.06†	-0.26	1.11
European Income	43.22	45.96†	-0.31	2.24
Far East Inc	63.62	67.86	-0.83	1.73
Global Convertible	23.29	24.84	-0.06	2.54
UK Div Grth	23.42	24.91	-0.01	1.45
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.68	71.13	-0.33	..
American	230.60	244.70	-1.00	...
Amer Spec Sits	105.70	112.80	-0.40	...
Japan Smaller Cos	47.05	50.19	-0.71	..
European	164.50	175.00	-1.50	...
European Opps	62.75	66.73	-0.75	...
Global Pyiv	24.09	25.60	-0.21	...
UK Growth	87.49	93.03†	-0.16	...
Growth & Inc	145.80	155.19	-0.90	2.71
Intl PEP	36.01	38.29	-0.20	...
Japan Spec Sits	106.70	113.80	-1.40	...
Japan	216.80	231.20†	-3.10	..
Managed Intl	274.70	293.10	-2.70	
Moneybuilder	53.57	56.96†	-0.34	...
Recovery	47.53	50.54	-0.04	...
South E Asia	152.80	163.00	-3.50	...
Special Sits	523.00	556.80	-0.30	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	108.90	114.70†	-0.30	2.39
UK Reverse Index	76.92	81.28†	-0.04	3.78
Europe Index	97.05	102.20†	-1.40	4.50
-do- Reverse Index	75.93	80.16†	-0.71	6.50
America Index	97.90	103.00†	-0.50	0.12
-do- Reverse Index	90.12	94.95†	-0.45	0.25
Japan Index	139.00	146.40†	-1.40	0.09
-do- Reverse Index	91.97	96.83†	-0.86	0.72
Cash Accum Units	106.25	106.25	+0.01	4.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	140.40	143.80	..	1.55
Inc Pfolio	87.39	89.02†	-0.36	3.72
Cap Pfolio	145.90	148.70	-0.50	0.87
General Opps	123.90	126.00	...	3.13
Growth Inc	30.91	31.58	-0.15	1.61
Private Portfolio	397.00	406.10†	...	1.45
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Adams, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 264 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	113.00	119.40†	-1.20	0.36
Emrg Asian	178.00	193.10	-2.10	...
High Income	21.91	23.30†	-0.03	9.06
Oseas Income	91.77	97.78	-0.85	2.88
UK Growth	111.30	119.00	-0.40	1.43
UK Income	104.50	111.40	-0.30	4.22
US Smaller Cos	293.10	302.80	-1.00	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	49.0	52.13	-0.26	3.23
-do- Inv Tst Inc	78.96	84.0	+0.01	4.43
Intl Growth	72.40	77.02	-0.29	1.17
Investment Trust	93.89	99.88	+0.01	0.14
UK Smaller Cos	79.12	84.17†	-0.06	1.27
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	51.80	55.35	-0.12	...
(Accum Units)	51.80	55.35	-0.12	...
Amer Smllr Cos	444.60	475.40†	-0.90	..
(Accum Units)	454.20	485.70†	-0.80	...
Capital Tst	317.00	337.10	...	1.43
(Accum Units)	448.50	477.00	...	1.43
Contl Smllr Cos	61.52	66.39	-0.60	0.48
(Accum Units)	64.70	69.82	-0.63	0.48
Convertible	131.30	139.60	-0.60	5.16
(Accum Units)	259.00	275.40	-1.20	5.16
Emerging Markets	82.94	88.61	-0.28	..
(Accum Units)	83.01	88.68	-0.29	..
European	119.70	127.50	-1.10	0.05
(Accum Units)	125.40	133.60	-1.20	0.05
Extra Income	331.90	353.00	-0.30	3.74
(Accum Units)	491.30	522.50	-0.40	3.74
Financial	119.70	128.50	-0.60	0.32
(Accum Units)	126.00	135.30	-0.60	0.32
Gilt Trust	60.46	62.35	-0.15	6.35
(Accum Units)	82.12	84.69	-0.21	6.35
Health Fund Inc	116.90	124.80	-0.30	..
(Accum Units)	116.90	124.80	-0.30	..
Income & Growth	194.50	206.80	-0.30	3.42
(Accum Units)	286.00	304.20	-0.40	3.42
Intl Growth	358.50	385.20	-2.40	..
(Accum Units)	398.10	427.70	-2.70	...
Japan & Gen	204.00	218.30	-2.80	..
(Accum Units)	206.00	220.50	-2.80	...
Managed Port Inc	105.00	110.50	-0.40	1.31
(Accum Units)	111.30	117.10	-0.50	1.31
Monthly Income	164.60	175.00	-0.30	3.79
Quarterly Income	53.11	56.49†	-0.12	4.21
(Accum Units)	56.01	59.57†	-0.12	4.21
Recovery	353.00	377.40	-2.40	..
(Accum Units)	415.60	444.40	-3.50	...
UK Growth	51.49	55.01	-0.18	2.60
(Accum Units)	53.26	56.90	-0.19	2.60
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, P'mouth Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881342				
FP Equity Dist	379.19	403.39	-2.07	2.81
-do- Accum	791.29	841.80	-4.32	2.81
FP Euro Gth Dist	137.21	145.97†	-1.87	0.28
-do- Accum	142.70	151.81†	-1.95	0.28
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.24	134.59	-0.61	7.31
-do- Accum	227.01	240.12	-1.08	7.31
FP Intl Gth Dist	94.73	100.78	-0.79	0.49
-do- Accum	98.83	105.14	-0.82	0.49
FP Nth Amer Dist	180.63	191.35†	-0.31	0.91
-do- Accum	198.13	209.88†	-0.35	0.91
FP Pac Basin Dist	331.27	352.41†	-3.91	0.14
-do- Accum	337.99	359.56†	-3.99	0.14
Stewardship Dist	331.95	353.14	-0.64	1.95
-do- Accum	401.49	427.12	-0.77	1.95
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	72.59	77.22†	-0.08	3.46
-do- Accum	92.73	98.65†	-0.09	3.46
N Am Sishp Dist	95.75	101.86†	-0.59	0.57
-do- Accum	101.41	107.88†	-0.63	0.57
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	110.10	117.10	+0.10	0.79
Open Cap Gth Acc	113.10	120.30	+0.10	0.09
Cap Gth Inc Inc	105.60	112.30†	+0.10	1.57
Cap Gth Inc Acc	107.30	114.10	+0.10	1.57
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	107.00	113.90†	+0.10	1.80
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	108.60	115.50	+0.10	1.80
NM Unit Trusts				
American	42.43	45.13	-0.27	1.41
Australian	333.30	357.60	-2.40	0.0
Conscience	70.66	75.41	-0.19	0.43
European	199.10	211.80	-2.80	0.63
Extra Income	72.00	76.84†	-0.15	5.77
Gilt & FI	54.18	57.18†	-0.24	6.48
Gold	54.40	58.49	-0.66	0.0
Income	54.15	57.76	-0.17	3.85
Intnl	33.49	35.81	-0.60	0.59
Jap Smaller Cos	421.10	449.10	-8.20	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	268.80	288.20	+2.90	0.0
Smaller Cos	30.78	33.09	-0.03	0.57
Special Sits	36.15	38.87	-0.12	1.77
Sterling Deposit	100.50	100.50†	...	4.50
Tokyo	96.14	102.50	-1.00	0.0
UK Equity	172.90	184.40†	-0.70	2.69
US Smaller Cos	110.40	118.00	-0.40	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GAND4	236.70	248.20	-1.10	2.41
Cash	49.37	50.11†	+0.01	3.87
Growth Portfolio	80.64	85.47	-0.41	0.67
Income Portfolio	65.14	68.88†	-0.41	4.50
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	163.20	174.60	-0.20	...
European	559.80	598.70	-7.80	0.45
Far East & Gen	298.30	319.10	-3.70	..
Germany	125.40	132.90	-2.60	..
Income Inc	154.10	164.90	...	4.44
International	346.90	371.10	-2.40	0.19
Intl Income	79.24	84.16	-0.69	4.11
Japan & General	438.20	466.50	-3.60	...
Korean Securities	74.36	79.53	-0.85	..
Smllr Cos Div Inc	49.97	53.45	-0.18	4.46
UK Capital (Inc)	172.20	184.20†	-0.10	0.95
UK Spec Sits	90.62	96.92	-0.22	0.33
US & General	129.60	137.90	-0.50	..
Wwide Spec Sits	156.90	167.80	-1.30	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.79	50.79†	-0.30	2.26
Cash Trust	134.28	134.28†	+0.01	3.96
Practical Inv Inc	117.20	125.35	-0.09	3.15
UK Index	147.05	149.68	-0.57	3.05
UK Smaller Cos	123.69	132.29	+0.00	0.96
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.52	26.22†	-0.06	9.19
High Income	33.06	35.36†	-0.06	4.92
UK Equity Income	135.30	144.71†	-0.52	3.69
Global Bond	27.66	28.67†	-0.13	5.02
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	60.84	65.07	+0.13	..
Global Inc & Gth	134.08	142.96	-1.14	1.64
Gold & Intl Res	117.12	125.26	+0.50	..
Global Utilities	136.47	145.96	-0.74	0.82
Overseas Funds				
American	134.22	143.31	-0.53	0.40
European	96.31	102.19	-1.36	0.74
Euro Sel Opps	137.20	146.06†	-1.75	..
Amer Emerging	91.42	97.79	-0.12	..
Hong Kong	144.41	154.45	-3.66	1.52
Japan	269.29	286.23	-3.76	..
Pacific Growth	230.90	243.67	-5.03	1.19
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	213.71	213.71†	-1.29	1.85
Long Term Bal	231.39	231.39†	+2.40	2.29
Med Term Bal	193.47	193.47	+1.56	3.11
UK Equity	238.46	238.46	-1.54	2.41
UK Emerging Cos	141.24	141.24	-0.15	2.04
American	223.24	223.24	-1.41	1.33
Japan	141.34	141.34	-1.52	..
European	253.33	253.33	-3.28	0.81
Index Linked Gilt	162.07	162.07	-0.04	3.09
Fixed Interest	147.60	147.60	-0.12	6.67
Amer Emerging	245.98	245.98	-3.35	..
Pacific	248.27	248.27†	-2.78	0.70
Emerging Mkts	176.54	176.54†	+1.17	0.31
Index Strat Japan	167.90	167.90†	...	0.20
-do- Pacific Rim	195.55	195.55†	...	0.90
-do- Cont Europe	148.73	148.73†	...	1.55
Index Strat USA	127.78	127.78†	...	2.25
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	100.96	107.40	-0.65	..
Med Term Bal	91.98	97.85	-0.25	..
Long Term Bal	104.18	110.83	-0.58	..
UK Equity	110.30	117.34	-0.77	..
UK Emerging Cos	66.33	70.57	+0.03	..
American	103.68	110.30	-0.64	..
Japan	68.03	72.37	-0.78	..
European	105.59	112.32	-1.44	..
Fixed Interest	74.46	79.22	-0.15	..
Index Linked Gilt	71.96	76.56	-0.02	..
Deposit	78.55	83.56	+0.01	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Gth	125.91	133.56†	-0.21	..
Berkeley Income	112.97	119.81	-0.18	2.15
BWH Intl	141.13	148.56	-0.21	0.57
Brdlff Gth Port Inc	61.53	64.94	+0.04	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	56.48	59.61†	+0.03	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	54.17	57.17	+0.07	0.50
Shaw Utilities	39.44	43.21	-0.28	2.34
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Int Opportunities	144.90	153.00	...	0.98
Higher Income	125.30	131.70	...	1.94
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd, 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
8 Intl Inc	553.24	588.55	...	0.82
European Inc	146.90	156.29	-0.43	1.29
Amalgam Inc	151.35	160.22	..	..
N America Inc	328.93	349.93	..	..
Far East Inc	379.99	404.24	..	..
UK Divid Inc	170.32	187.57	..	0.87
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	90.25	95.08	-0.12	4.96
UK Small Cos	46.90	50.16	-0.42	1.01
British Growth	53.09	56.09	-0.13	2.90
American Gwth	146.22	156.39	-0.54	..
Japan Gwth	88.78	94.76	-0.94	..
Greater China	199.56	213.44†	-3.16	..
Pacific Strategy	176.95	184.25	-0.96	..
European Gwth	56.40	58.41	-1.21	0.56
Intl Growth	148.24	158.55	-1.60	0.51
US Index (£)	12.87	13.56	+0.02	3.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	77.02	81.52†	-0.22	2.31
Monthly Income	39.52	42.04†	+0.01	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Gvtt UK Index (£)	10.69	11.26	-0.08	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	94.13	100.14	...	1.17
Bridge Income	264.51	281.40	...	5.31
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9665				
Cash	136.20	136.20	...	3.57
European	484.60	517.70	-7.70	0.19
Gilt & Fixed	124.10	131.80	-0.30	5.02
Growth Equity	330.30	352.80	-1.50	1.85
Income Trust	127.40	136.10	-0.50	2.89
International	185.30	197.90	-1.70	...
Japan Trust	143.50	150.10†	-1.40	..
Nth American	253.10	270.40	-1.00	0.27
Pacific	568.20	607.00	-9.80	...
Guardhill	491.60	514.50†	-2.60	1.93
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	99.76	103.50	+0.53	8.13
Global High Inc	99.86	103.63†	+0.11	8.15
Prem Fixed Int	98.96	102.73	-0.26	8.22
Eqty & Bond Inc	101.10	107.50†	-0.19	4.89
European Growth	101.33	107.73	-0.11	..
Intl PEP Trust	61.04	64.90	-0.17	...
High Income	121.91	129.63†	-1.22	3.92
Recovery	390.70	415.40	+3.10	1.40
St Vinc High Inc	129.34	131.28†	-0.43	6.67
Tmp Bar Emer Co	245.30	264.10	-0.10	1.47
Tmp Br Sm Co In	369.60	376.20†	+0.90	1.93
Glob Priv Tst	95.15	101.17	+0.17	1.17
Inc Share Tst	95.98	102.05	+0.09	7.81
For Halifax funds see Standard Life				
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	201.20	213.50†	-1.00	2.09
Smaller Cos	34.57	36.78	-0.06	0.82
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	291.48	312.31†	+1.00	1.26
Best of British	63.49	67.48	-0.31	2.46
UK Smaller Cos	122.53	131.71†	-0.33	1.13
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	274.16	291.98	-0.85	3.02
High Income	321.74	343.94†	-0.32	3.78
Extra Income	277.24	294.84	-0.52	4.97
Pref & Gilt	44.25	47.56†	-0.14	9.17
International				
International	274.60	292.93	-1.32	...
Global Bond	51.77	55.04	-0.27	5.69
Family of Funds	83.21	88.80†	+0.14	0.18
Global Tech	141.01	150.81	+0.04	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	184.71	197.52	-2.46	...
European	470.44	499.06	-7.70	0.36
European Income	81.66	86.55†	-0.78	2.54
Euro Smlr Cos	149.75	160.68	-1.67	...
Eur Sp Sits	70.08	74.55	-0.93	0.24
Japan Trust	238.25	253.40†	-1.58	..
Japan Special Sits	265.91	283.05	-3.76	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	269.24	286.44	-2.66	..
North American	222.89	242.54†	-1.01	0.33
American Smaller	98.91	105.73	-0.22	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.53	55.68	-0.11	...
Eur Sp Sits	60.15	63.75	-0.79	...
General Growth	42.69	45.25	-0.21	...
Global Tech	55.16	58.46	+0.01	..
Income Growth	41.72	44.22	-0.13	...
Japan Growth	29.14	30.88	-0.19	...
Overseas Growth	40.11	42.51	-0.19	...
Smaller Cos	21.73	23.03	-0.19	...
Special Opps	28.78	30.50	-0.08	...
Wwide Sp Sits	50.05	53.05	-0.23	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	97.65	104.40	-0.30	1.80
Capital	173.00	185.00†	-0.80	1.55
Dollar	326.66	349.30	-1.60	...
European	231.30	247.20†	-3.20	...
Far East	339.20	362.70	-4.50	0.17
Financial	797.00	852.40	-2.40	1.33
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.62	25.69†	+0.01	7.94
High Yield	105.20	112.50	-0.20	4.33
Income & Growth	143.00	152.90	-0.70	3.44
International	255.10	272.80†	-1.90	...
Japanese General	224.60	240.20	-2.30	...
Japan Tech	91.32	97.66	+0.68	...
Nat Resources	73.30	78.39	-0.24	..
Portfolio	72.63	77.67	-0.33	1.47
Security	330.10	353.00	-1.0	1.93
Smaller Cos	129.70	138.70	+0.10	1.00
Special Sits	150.60	161.00†	-0.20	1.34
UK Emerging Cos	91.74	98.11	-0.14	0.44
US Smaller Cos	68.13	72.86	-0.14	..



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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dig: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dig: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	190.10	203.70	-1.20	1.34
Eurotrack 100	153.20	162.80	-1.80	1.06
Footsie Fund	52.34	55.28	-0.26	2.61
Japan Index	87.64	93.53	-1.35	0.08
Tiger Index	218.90	233.60	-1.10	0.27
Trrde Index	113.30	120.90†	-0.10	1.80
UK Index	137.40	146.60†	-0.50	2.92
Active Funds				
American Growth	463.40	494.60	-3.40	0.69
Asian	58.97	62.93	-0.91	0.15
Capital	580.40	619.40	-4.90	1.82
European Growth	114.20	121.80	-1.50	..
Global Bond	20.93	21.67†	-0.14	6.83
Hong Kong Gwth	104.90	111.50	-3.50	0.65
Income	560.50	598.20	-1.40	3.68
Japan Growth	318.20	339.20	-5.20	..
Japan Smllr Cos	41.91	44.62	-0.55	..
Spore & Mlysn Gth	82.30	87.83	-1.20	..
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 529200 Enquiries 0742 529075				
Balanced	59.73	63.54	-0.21	2.53
(Accum Units)	62.20	66.30	-0.22	2.53
British Tst	92.17	97.98	-0.42	1.90
(Accum Units)	94.44	101.00	-0.50	1.90
Extra High Inc	67.46	72.15	-0.13	6.35
(Accum Units)	126.90	135.70	-0.20	6.35
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.54	54.68	-0.08	6.57
(Accum Units)	147.60	153.60	-0.20	6.57
High Yield	223.20	239.70	-0.06	5.08
(Accum Units)	545.20	583.20	-1.30	5.08
Income	288.60	308.70†	-0.60	3.24
(Accum Units)	625.22	671.80†	-1.40	3.24
Money Market UT	49.40	49.40†		4.04
(Accum Units)	76.10	76.10†	.	4.04
Monthly Income	84.25	90.13†	-0.27	5.58
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	97.76	104.00	-0.50	1.89
European Growth	109.40	115.80	-1.70	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	79.97	84.76	-0.12	6.54
Income	84.62	90.21	-0.23	2.83
Japan Growth	60.11	63.95	-0.97	..
Managed	67.03	71.31	-0.25	2.46
Money Market	94.50	97.89	.	4.47
North American	85.62	91.08	-0.55	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	88.77	94.44	-0.45	1.87
European Growth	107.40	110.00	-1.60	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.17	80.80	-0.11	6.51
Income	83.29	88.61	-0.23	2.90
Japan Growth	59.90	63.72	-0.97	
Managed	64.12	68.21	-0.23	2.44
Money Market	78.42	83.12		4.42
North American	78.03	83.01	-0.50	0.59
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	88.99	94.56	-0.46	1.86
European Growth	100.90	107.30	-1.60	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.06	74.31	-0.11	6.64
Income	92.52	97.79	-0.25	2.91
Japan Growth	61.35	65.27	-0.99	...
Managed	67.15	71.41	-0.25	2.43
Money Market	73.36	77.76	..	4.48
North American	86.37	91.90	-0.56	0.46
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	73.42	76.20	-0.05	0.35
Smaller Cos	31.07	32.30†	-0.11	0.96
Special Features	31.64	32.04	-0.14	1.60
(Accum Units)	38.22	39.58	-0.16	1.60
General Funds				
Managed	72.17	74.91	-0.45	2.38
Rupert Child Tst	92.90	96.05	-0.35	2.16
UK Growth	59.52	61.78	-0.21	2.34
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.09	50.29†	+0.01	3.99
Cashbox (Acc)	58.15	58.15†	+0.01	3.89
Extra Income	82.58	86.25†	-0.25	5.23
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.53	26.15	+0.03	9.27
Income & Growth	40.41	41.94	-0.36	3.10
UK Income	238.50	251.30	-1.30	3.46
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	49.54	51.31	-0.18	1.03
US Smaller Cos	102.90	106.70	-3.80	.
(Accum Units)	102.90	107.80	-0.90	...
Europe Perf	155.30	161.90†	-2.60	.
(Accum Units)	161.60	167.40†	-2.60	.
Euro Smaller Cos	29.60	30.72	-0.41	...
French Growth	78.53	81.54	-0.36	
Accum Units	84.47	87.67	-0.39	
H Kong & China	86.79	90.07	-2.24	1.43
Intl Growth	58.74	60.97	-0.48	0.43
Accum Units	59.03	61.27	-0.50	0.43
Japan Perf	28.17	29.51	-0.55	
Accum Units	28.07	29.51	-0.55	.
Japan Smaller Cos	48.95	50.80	-0.67	.
Glob Emg Mkts	119.50	121.20†	-1.60	.
Accum Units	120.30	124.90†	-1.70	.
SP Asia	340.90	353.90	-3.80	0.37
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	92.09	95.49	-0.80	1.56
Intl Bond	52.18	52.79†	-0.23	5.64
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	136.20	144.80	-0.20	...
Income	144.75	153.99†	-0.19	3.89
UK Growth	53.88	57.31†	+0.14	0.94
International	88.22	93.84†	-0.68	0.24
Ecology	81.47	86.66	-0.23	1.24
European	116.29	123.53	-0.97	...
Far Eastern	344.30	366.30	-04.60	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7364				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	51.82	55.13	-0.02	6.97
Gilt Yield	111.90	118.10	+0.10	7.23
Global Income	224.90	239.30†	-1.00	3.80
High Yield	141.50	150.50	-1.37	5.70
Smllr Cos Div	54.14	57.60†	+0.19	2.76
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.47	95.18	-0.39	...
North American	73.59	78.29	-0.56	0.26
European Special	99.92	106.30†	+0.50	0.14
European	154.40	164.30	-0.70	0.37
General	272.10	289.50	-0.60	3.11
Japan	469.70	499.70	-4.90	...
Japanese Special	288.10	306.50	-2.90	...
Master Accum	245.10	260.70	-0.70	0.82
Pacific	360.90	383.90	-3.30	0.22
Smaller Cos	114.50	121.80	...	0.52
UK Equity Growth	41.67	44.33†	+0.04	1.52
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LA 071 629 1685				
Global Inc & Gth	64.87	69.01	-0.48	...
Inv Trust	72.17	76.78†	-0.14	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	59.45	63.25	-0.31	0.80
High Inc Acc	55.32	58.85†	-0.18	3.50
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	602.40	614.70†	+0.90	5.22
Intl & General	438.60	447.60	+3.70	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	56.36	59.85†	-0.09	4.30
Smaller Cos	56.31	59.59	+0.03	0.84
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	249.00	264.90	-1.20	1.95
High Income	108.80	115.70†	-0.50	4.02
International	101.50	108.00†	-0.90	0.62
Recovery Trust	65.67	69.86	+0.06	1.30
European Trust	83.35	88.67	-1.39	0.64
Japanese Trust	49.05	52.18	-0.83	...
American Trust	81.07	86.24	-0.19	...
Managed	68.31	72.67	-0.28	0.39
Cash	50.60	50.60	...	3.71
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	357.70	383.40†	-1.10	2.29
UK Inc/Gth	383.40	390.10†	-1.30	3.32
UK Income	209.60	223.90†	-0.90	4.07
UK Sm Cos	243.80	252.90†	-0.40	1.57
Euro Gwth	124.70	125.90	-1.20	...
N Amer Gwth	75.81	76.54	-0.69	0.12
Japan Growth	73.38	74.15	-1.35	..
Money Mkt	119.89	119.89	...	2.290
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	475.10	505.40	+0.20	2.53
Equity Income	97.76	104.00†	...	3.76
UK Tactical Allocn	95.84	99.30	-0.18	2.93
European	115.20	122.60†	+0.20	0.95
Far Eastern	254.40	270.60	-0.80	..
Fixed Interest	49.91	53.10	+0.07	7.46
Gilt	85.95	91.15	+0.05	6.74
Global Growth	81.40	86.60	-0.03	0.84
Intl Bond	50.75	53.86†	+0.19	4.90
Japanese	86.30	91.81	-0.68	...
North American	144.80	154.00†	+0.60	0.45
Pacific Growth	122.80	130.60	...	...
UK Index	62.99	66.48	+0.06	2.99
UK Recovery	92.47	98.37	-0.34	1.76
UK Smaller Cos	124.20	132.10	+0.20	1.16
US Index	57.69	60.89	+0.12	1.79
European Index	73.45	77.52†	+0.07	1.59
Japan Index	46.44	49.01	-0.06	...
Worldwide	86.55	92.07	-0.01	1.23
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	50.47	53.98†	-0.22	1.66
Income	60.33	64.52†	-0.13	2.62
Far East	59.79	63.95	-0.54	...
North American	86.00	91.98	-0.45	...
Global	94.53	101.10	-0.60	...
European	87.09	93.14	-1.17	0.47
Japan	122.30	130.80	-1.30	...
Intl Currency Bd	57.21	60.63	-0.30	4.42
SE Asia	117.60	125.70	-0.90	0.24
UK Cap Growth	93.09	100.10	...	1.84
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 393				
Balanced	343.90	365.90	-1.30	2.82
-do- Acc	771.40	820.70	-3.10	2.82
Contl Euro Gth	63.05	66.37	-1.38	0.66
-do- Acc	67.16	70.70	-1.47	0.66
Extra Inc	260.00	276.60	-0.70	3.85
-do- Acc	659.70	701.90	-1.70	3.85
German Gth	129.00	135.80	-2.20	0.14
-do- Acc	135.20	142.40	-2.40	0.14
Growth Port	553.60	589.00	-2.50	0.07
-do- Acc	558.30	594.00	-2.50	0.07
Income	491.80	523.20	-1.40	3.54
-do- Acc	£13.00	£13.83	-4.00	3.54
Income Port	513.70	546.50	-1.10	4.08
-do- Acc	534.90	569.00	-1.20	4.08
Japan Growth	117.90	125.00	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	117.90	125.50	-1.00	...
Master Trust	58.17	61.89	-0.29	1.41
-do- Acc	64.94	69.09	-0.31	1.41
N American Gen	176.90	188.20	-2.80	...
-do- Acc	204.40	217.50	-3.10	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	132.50	141.00	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	138.30	144.00	-0.10	...
Pacific Basin	275.40	293.00	-12.20	0.38
-do- Acc	292.10	310.80	-13.00	0.38
Small Cos Rec	361.40	382.60	+0.20	1.97
-do- Acc	481.30	506.70	+0.30	1.97
UK Growth	85.90	91.39	-0.31	2.43
-do- Acc	103.30	109.80	-0.40	2.43
Worldwide Gth	323.60	344.30	-3.00	0.28
-do- Acc	477.40	507.90	-4.40	0.28
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	64.75	69.04	-0.21	0.10
General	86.89	93.22	-0.39	2.20
Income	67.86	72.81	-0.37	5.00
International	66.45	71.30	-0.36	0.40
Japan	65.04	69.79†	-0.68	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	70.86	76.03	-0.01	1.50
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	388.80	411.20†	-1.10	0.70
(Accum Units)	482.60	510.40	-1.40	0.70
Amer Recovery	450.20	476.10	-2.10	0.35
(Accum Units)	516.00	545.80	-2.30	0.35
Amer Smllr Cos	125.50	132.70†	+0.30	...
(Accum Units)	128.30	135.60	+0.30	...
Australasian	166.60	176.20†	-1.10	1.53
(Accum Units)	201.90	213.50	-1.40	1.53
Capital	829.00	876.70†	-2.00	2.11
(Accum Units)	941.80	996.00	-2.30	2.11
Charifund	695.60	702.60†	-3.30	5.34
(Accum Units)	£31.56	£31.87	-15.10	5.34
Commodity	393.20	415.80†	-2.40	0.35
(Accum Units)	576.50	609.60	-3.70	0.35
Compound Grth	936.50	990.30	-6.10	2.59
(Accum Units)	969.20	£10.24	-6.30	2.59
Dividend	40.50	42.80	-0.30	4.13
(Accum Units)	166.20	175.80	-0.70	4.13
Equity Income	351.50	371.70†	-1.10	4.65
(Accum Units)	447.40	473.00	-1.40	4.65
Euro & General	516.30	546.00	-4.70	0.86
(Accum Units)	651.80	689.30	-5.90	0.88
Euro Dividend	70.60	74.70†	-0.80	3.58
(Accum Units)	84.20	89.10	-1.00	3.58
Extra Yield	422.40	446.70	-2.10	4.45
(Accum Units)	£12.81	£13.54	-6.20	4.45
Far Eastern	379.50	401.30†	-4.40	0.34
(Accum Units)	502.70	531.50	-5.80	0.34
Fund of Inv Tsts	623.30	659.10	-0.30	1.62
(Accum Units)	£11.55	£12.22	-0.90	1.62
General	60.60	64.10	-0.30	3.64
(Accum Units)	167.20	176.80	-0.80	3.64
Gilt Income	57.66	57.77†	-0.20	7.65
(Accum Units)	155.41	155.51	-0.53	7.65
Gold	69.20	73.20†	...	0.73
(Accum Units)	81.70	86.40	...	0.73
High Income	29.60	30.20	-0.20	4.51
(Accum Units)	112.40	119.10	-0.50	4.51
Intl Growth	79.90	84.50†	-0.50	0.83
(Accum Units)	139.10	147.20	-0.90	0.83
International Inc	102.00	107.90	-0.60	4.29
(Accum Units)	147.40	156.00	-0.70	4.29
Japan & Gen	54.90	57.50	-0.30	...
(Accum Units)	58.40	61.70	-0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	196.30	207.60	-1.50	...
(Accum Units)	197.60	209.00	-1.50	...
Managed Income	27.60	29.00	-0.20	3.89
Midland	65.40	69.20	-0.10	2.53
(Accum Units)	215.20	227.80	-0.30	2.58
Pension Ex	942.80	966.40	-4.20	4.00
Recovery	42.30	44.70	-0.10	2.29
(Accum Units)	68.80	72.70	-0.20	2.29
Second General	72.20	76.30	-0.10	3.28
(Accum Units)	184.10	194.70	-0.30	3.28
Smaller Cos	69.80	73.80	+0.10	2.73
(Accum Units)	137.10	144.90	+0.10	2.73
Treasury	24.95	25.01†	...	4.80
Trustee	43.00	45.50	-0.20	4.04
(Accum Units)	169.60	179.40	-0.80	4.04
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 264 888 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	81.00	86.16	-1.04	0.62
High Income	288.10	306.40	-1.10	4.37
Intl Bond	61.61	64.82	-0.29	6.04
Intl Equity Growth	71.46	76.00	-0.83	0.39
N Amer Growth	93.20	99.14	-0.58	0.83
Special Sits Growth	21.71	23.09	-0.04	1.52
UK Growth	373.60	397.40	-1.80	2.62
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	£13.02	£13.27	...	2.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	140.10	144.00	...	4.21
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	191.80	205.10	-1.30	2.37
Gilt & Fxd Int	161.10	169.70	-0.40	7.07
Intl Growth	215.80	229.80	-2.10	0.16
North American	176.80	188.80	-0.70	0.36
Far East	285.50	305.50	-2.90	0.90
UK Smaller Cos	171.10	183.00	-0.20	1.72
European	82.64	88.01	-1.15	0.15
Japanese Growth	54.00	57.44	-0.70	..
High Income	187.80	200.90	-0.80	4.42
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	149.60	159.10†	-0.44	2.03
-do- Accum	170.40	181.20†	-0.44	2.03
UK Sel Pfolio	128.90	137.10	-0.29	2.26
-do- Accum	148.20	157.60	-0.29	2.26
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	64.51	68.63	...	3.91
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	72.74	77.22	-0.48	4.10
European	81.34	86.35	-0.86	0.41
Income & Growth	73.54	78.07†	+0.26	2.98
Nth American	57.82	61.38	-0.02	0.65
Far East	184.60	196.00	-1.10	...
Japan	63.87	67.80	-0.24	...
Emrging Mkts	118.40	126.60	+0.30	...
Intl Growth	112.90	119.80	-0.70	0.31
UK Growth	88.44	93.89	-0.21	0.79
UK Smlr Co	46.51	49.37	-0.08	0.53
Asian Opps Fd	41.91	44.82	-0.52	0.12
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	415.37	441.84	-2.53	3.86
Global Inc	66.16	70.38	-0.57	2.58
Brit Leaders	338.96	360.60	-2.14	2.52
Intl Leaders	196.68	209.23	-2.37	0.93
PAM Mg Bal Grth	64.63	67.15	+0.02	0.67
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	195.60	208.20	-0.90	..
(Accum Units)	209.00	222.40	-0.70	..
British Blue Chip	79.28	84.32	-0.44	2.95
(Accum Units)	95.97	102.00	-0.60	2.95
Cash	100.40	100.40	...	4.82
(Accum Units)*	135.40	135.40	...	4.82
Emerging Mkts	129.40	138.10	+0.50	0.18
European Growth	247.20	261.90†	-3.90	0.28
(Accum Units)	266.70	282.70†	-4.10	0.28
European Income	82.56	87.29	-0.80	3.29
(Accum Units)	110.00	116.20	-1.00	3.29
General	503.40	536.80	-1.90	2.31
(Accum Units)	975.30	1040	-3.00	2.31
Global Bond	121.10	127.30	-0.40	6.43
(Accum Units)	142.60	149.80	-0.50	6.43
Gold & General	211.10	227.00	+1.20	0.40
(Accum Units)	216.70	233.00	+1.30	0.40
Govt Securities	87.10	89.81	-0.31	6.30
(Accum Units)	165.50	170.50	-0.60	6.30
Income	151.10	160.70†	-0.40	4.32
(Accum Units)	232.40	247.20†	-0.70	4.32
Inc Portfolio	95.23	100.90	-0.20	5.15
(Accum Units)	95.23	100.90	-0.20	5.15
International	476.20	506.20	-2.50	0.32
(Accum Units)	635.10	675.10	-3.30	0.32
Japan	212.40	225.20	-2.60	...
(Accum Units)	218.10	231.20	-2.70	...
New Europe	181.10	193.20	-1.40	0.73
(Accum Units)	185.30	197.50	-1.50	0.73
Pacific	130.90	139.60	-1.00	0.83
(Accum Units)	140.10	149.40	-1.00	0.83
Recovery	318.10	339.30	-0.20	0.76
(Accum Units)	404.40	431.40	-0.30	0.76
UK Smaller Cos	58.64	62.55	+0.12	0.86
(Accum Units)	65.93	70.33	+0.14	0.86
Portfolio	80.77	85.92	-0.46	2.69
(Accum Units)	93.96	99.97	-0.47	2.69
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	115.10	122.45	-1.60	0.88
Portfolio	68.13	72.48	-0.43	0.07
UK Income Inc	77.29	82.22	-0.22	4.56
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.09	12.85	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	308.40	328.70	-0.70	...
European Gth Inc	414.90	444.10	-4.20	0.29
Intl Gwth	196.30	209.10	-2.50	...
UK Equity Inc	180.10	192.20	-0.60	2.95
UK Ind Trckr Inc	157.50	168.60†	-0.80	2.67
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	190.70	202.20	-1.00	1.41
Japan Tracker	84.46	89.49	-0.73	..
Asian Trader	221.90	239.00	-4.50	0.25
Managed Inc	153.90	165.50	-0.90	1.50
Deposit Inc	99.82	99.82†	...	4.10
Europa	187.00	200.70†	-1.90	0.26
Genesis	156.20	170.60	+0.40	2.22
High Income	22.12	23.48†	+0.01	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	93.98	96.25	-0.45	2.23
Acumen Inc	89.94	92.11	-0.43	2.23
Acumen Reserve	79.20	79.99†	+0.01	8.03
-do- Inc	70.18	70.88†	+0.02	8.03
American Growth	167.40	171.70†	+0.80	0.88
Cash Income	49.59	49.59†	...	4.21
Equity Income	96.71	99.26	-0.41	4.30
European	73.30	74.74	-0.71	0.21
Smaller Cos	79.61	83.22	-0.14	1.02
Olympiad	69.57	71.31†	-0.35	...
Global Bond	42.66	43.12†	-0.07	7.15
UK Growth	91.48	94.09	-0.22	1.74
Pacific Growth	113.40	117.00†	-1.10	...
Japan Growth	105.50	107.10†	-0.70	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	120.82	128.53†	-0.32	2.80
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5532				
UK Growth	72.91	77.57†	-0.18	2.15
UK Income	109.10	116.10	-0.40	3.70
Gilt & Fixed Int	66.84	70.74†	-0.10	6.41
Higher Income	220.90	235.00	-0.40	4.61
Smaller Cos	83.23	88.55	-0.01	1.78
International	97.22	103.43	-0.32	1.76
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	102.90	110.10	-0.30	...
European Dist	111.50	119.20	-0.70	...
Far East Dist	201.80	215.80†	-2.00	...
Global Care Dist	68.26	73.00	-0.12	2.06
Oseas Dist	£10.68	£11.42	-7.40	0.09
UK Dist	341.80	365.60	-1.70	2.55
UK Extra Inc Dist	75.97	81.25†	-0.14	5.66
Wwide Dist	108.50	116.00	-0.60	...
Wwide Inc Dist	70.95	75.88	-0.38	1.96
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	63.75	67.28	-0.84	0.48
Fund of Funds Inc	59.07	62.34	-0.33	0.83
North America Inc	47.46	50.09	-0.14	0.52
UK Equity Grth Inc	59.46	62.75	-0.33	1.99
UK General Inc	58.02	61.24	-0.26	2.45
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.29	47.69†	-0.02	7.36
UK Income Inc	58.01	61.22†	-0.24	2.94
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000 Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	229.22	243.86†	-0.71	3.38
Global	349.36	371.67	-0.21	0.71
General	190.23	202.38†	-0.53	1.90
Bond	115.18	122.29	-0.62	7.26
Growth	125.57	133.59	-0.39	2.30
Intrepid	122.08	127.17	+0.54	1.70
Bridge Fund	87.17	92.74†	...	...
Distributor	91.71	97.57	-0.31	3.41
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	124.38	132.30	-0.84	1.74
UK Equity	138.50	147.34†	-0.59	2.89
UK Equity Income	133.47	141.99	-0.70	3.08
UK Smaller Cos	119.40	127.02†	-0.13	1.29
UK Equity Growth	129.68	137.96	-0.53	2.11
UK Index Trckg	138.47	147.31†	-0.67	3.34
Intl Index Trckg	145.70	155.10	-1.56	1.04
International	237.81	252.99	-2.48	0.36
European	194.55	206.97†	-2.85	0.29
Pan European	131.80	140.21	-1.55	1.19
Nth American	158.62	168.74	-0.76	0.53
N Amer Smlr Cos	176.33	187.59†	-1.25	...
Japanese	107.29	114.14†	-1.53	...
Pacific	251.14	267.17	-3.07	0.04
South East Asian	273.05	290.48	-2.96	0.24
Intl Bond	126.51	134.51†	-0.28	5.10
Gilt & Convertible	100.00	106.31	-0.05	6.50
Property	87.04	92.60	-0.10	4.81
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	240.70	256.10	-1.00	2.37
Growth	155.00	163.10	-0.60	2.47
Income	240.90	256.20	-1.10	3.54
Intl Equity	256.70	273.00	-0.90	0.71
UK Income	66.11	70.33†	-0.26	3.19
UK Intl 25	79.63	84.71	-0.40	1.79
New Europe	80.66	85.80	-1.05	0.11
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	616.16	659.00	-1.67	0.45
Income	335.36	358.68	+0.50	3.39
Wwide Recovery	390.25	417.39	-2.77	0.23
Amer Growth Inc	212.26	227.02	+0.27	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	251.81	269.32	-1.57	0.13
Far Estn Gth Inc	309.13	330.63	-1.71	0.14
Euro Gwth Inc	144.63	154.69	-1.54	0.66
UK Growth Inc	85.31	91.25	+0.05	2.74
High Income	91.62	97.99†	+0.08	4.21
Jap Gwth Inc	258.16	274.82	-3.31	0.01
PEP Growth	120.60	128.99	-0.39	0.81
Asian Slr Mkts Inc	132.61	141.83	-1.05	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	123.09	131.65	-0.55	0.01
Global Bond	54.35	57.26	-0.12	5.73
UK Smaller Cos Inc	79.66	85.22	...	1.20
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ 091 261 3927				
American	100.34	106.74	+0.25	...
European	72.11	76.71	-0.39	...
Global	69.01	73.42	-0.18	...
Pacific	69.62	74.06	-0.06	...
UK Inc & Grth	65.57	69.76	-0.14	1.98
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	102.85	109.53	-0.30	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	160.04	169.41†	..	0.63
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	59.60	63.26	+0.17	2.25
Growth Income	64.16	68.00	-0.12	1.70
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	131.75	140.17†	+0.17	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	92.21	98.10†	-0.45	3.46
Conv & Gilt	118.40	126.00†	-0.40	5.93
European Income	76.08	80.94	-0.41	2.74
Extra Income	153.00	162.70	-0.60	3.78
Far East	433.20	460.80	-2.40	0.25
Global Income	25.93	27.58†	-0.15	4.45
High Income	116.30	123.70	-1.60	3.40
International	219.00	233.00	+1.60	0.51
Pref & Fxd Int	41.13	43.76†	-0.06	7.47
Recovery	76.17	81.03	-0.35	2.36
Special Sits	107.50	114.10	-0.20	1.23
Technology	313.90	333.90	-0.70	...
UK Blue Chip	68.21	72.57†	-0.29	2.84
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Seagate Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	52.92	56.30	-0.34	2.12
International	91.70	97.55	-0.84	0.37
Gilt	23.21	23.93†	-0.02	6.83
Income & Gwth	71.03	75.56†	-0.14	5.29
European	52.46	55.81	-0.50	0.42
American	52.26	55.60†	-0.09	...
Emerging Mkts	92.87	98.80†	-0.28	0.05
UK Smaller Cos	31.38	33.38	-0.01	2.10
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.85	26.44	-0.04	6.89
Global PEP	39.81	42.35	-0.38	1.16
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	270.80	292.00	-3.60	0.77
Japan Inc	120.50	128.80	-1.70	...
Nth American Inc	105.60	114.20†	-0.30	0.12
Worldwide Inc	168.90	181.80	-1.60	0.71
Hong Kong Inc	144.10	154.80†	-4.00	0.21
Swiss Equities Inc	65.90	70.76	-0.76	0.36
Wwide Bond Inc	59.61	63.06	+0.06	5.51
Emging Asia Inc	223.50	242.10	-1.40	0.42
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.11	50.11†	+0.01	4.58
Thailand Inc	171.40	184.60	-0.80	0.69
Gold Trust Inc	79.06	85.47†	-0.64	0.15
New Zealand Inc	86.84	93.19	-0.59	1.18
Int Mngd PEP Inc	66.17	71.36	-0.35	1.69
Latin Am Cmp Inc	95.08	102.40	+2.00	0.03
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	58.19	62.45	-0.24	2.15
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	82.33	88.05	+0.05	1.44
Global Portfolio	73.94	79.08	...	...
Global Opps	75.87	81.14	+0.01	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	70.87	75.15	-0.09	1.82
AAM Global Equity	57.07	60.71	-0.10	0.76
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	89.63	96.48	+0.24	0.93
CAM Int Recvy Inc	43.43	45.60	...	...
Temple Equity Inc	46.89	50.02†	-0.03	2.86
Hartley Growth	77.82	82.79	-0.14	0.56
Intl Growth Inc	85.40	91.34	+0.23	1.46
IPS Portfolio Inc	90.04	96.30	+0.10	0.21
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	46.87	48.36	-0.12	2.67
Premier Perfms Inc	68.53	73.29†	+0.03	0.92
Roxburgh Strat Gth	74.73	79.92	-0.06	0.34
Tech Analysis	101.40	107.50	-1.70	0.31
Rosebery Growth	48.58	53.42	+0.25	...
International Strat	80.10	85.67	+0.27	...
UFC Ind-Act Grth	56.25	60.42	+0.10	...
Coverdale Topout	53.19	57.48	+0.17	...
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40	...	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.36	49.85†	-0.59	1.17
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	173.00	184.00	-0.60	1.58
European Gth	100.20	106.10	-0.90	0.15
Income & Gth	133.40	141.90†	-0.70	2.83
Japan Gth	135.30	143.30	-0.90	...
Nth Amer Gth	112.20	119.40	-0.20	0.16
Overseas Gth	91.53	97.32	-0.54	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4394 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	37.13	39.71	-0.25	1.49
Cash Haven Inc	100.92	101.41†	...	3.68
Cash Haven Acc	109.64	110.18†	...	3.68
Dist Trust Inc	94.66	101.24†	-0.31	4.32
Dist Trust Acc	95.66	102.30†	-0.32	4.32
Global Growth	88.96	95.14†	-0.67	1.15
Equity Inc	82.70	88.54†	-0.12	3.53
Equity	720.58	770.65	-2.59	2.73
European	210.98	225.64	-2.52	0.73
High Income	88.76	94.93	-0.13	4.79
Intl Grth	181.43	194.04†	-2.10	0.65
Intl Sm Co	79.39	84.90	-0.91	0.31
Japanese	241.02	257.77†	-2.84	...
Nth Amer	160.24	171.30	-0.94	1.27
Pacific Mkts	105.67	113.01†	-1.77	0.74
Premier Inc	45.98	47.87†	-0.13	4.98
Sm Cos	90.27	96.54	-2.16	1.45
Spec Sits	108.85	116.41	-1.76	2.37
UK Growth	119.97	128.31†	...	2.53
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	305.80	324.10	-1.60	3.17
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2585				
Managed	97.84	103.60	...	2.02
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	502.34	534.89†	-1.83	0.38
FA America (Acc)	588.54	626.67	-2.14	0.38
FA UK Equity Inc	156.79	167.19	-1.00	3.36
FA Japan	295.75	315.06	-2.32	...
FA Major UK Cos	94.59	100.75†	-0.61	2.19
FA Smllr UK Cos	296.37	322.37	-0.65	1.11
FA European	315.35	334.78	-3.85	0.40
FA Amer Smllr Cos	43.35	46.55	-0.27	...
FA Asia	51.21	55.10	-0.49	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	61.29	65.64	-0.43	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	94.68	99.44	-0.60	...
UK Smllr Cos	84.54	88.98	-0.18	...
UK Income	92.13	96.97	-0.58	...
America	100.94	106.24	-0.37	...
Japanese	64.98	68.39	-0.51	...
European	100.69	105.98	-1.22	...
Gilt	82.69	87.03	-0.23	...
Deposit	81.40	85.68	...	...
Managed	97.94	103.09	-0.58	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	92.08	96.92	-0.59	...
UK Smaller Cos	82.69	87.03	-0.18	...
UK Income	89.95	94.68	-0.56	...
America	98.36	103.53	-0.36	...
Japanese	63.34	66.67	-0.49	...
European	98.18	103.34	-1.19	...
Gilt	81.35	85.63	-0.25	...
Deposit	77.62	81.70	...	...
Managed	93.31	98.21	-0.55	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 6UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	73.68	78.67	-0.25	0.11
Pacific Basin	88.51	95.14	-0.87	...
High Inc Dist	128.40	137.30	-0.60	4.85
Ryl Life Int Chry	57.67	61.33†	-0.09	3.67
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	69.66	74.43†	-0.90	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	66.15	70.36	-0.67	...
UK Emerging Cos	126.80	132.00	...	1.12
UK Index Trckg	167.90	175.70	+1.40	3.15
European	130.50	140.40	-1.80	0.27
Managed	147.30	158.40	-0.80	0.80
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	141.20	149.50†	-0.20	0.34
European Growth	114.00	120.50†	-0.20	0.64
Far East Growth	140.10	149.10†	-0.20	0.21
Japan Growth	155.50	165.40	+0.10	...
Special Sits	195.50	207.90	...	1.28
UK Growth	76.66	81.55	-0.41	2.23
Triton General	244.40	260.10	-0.40	0.61
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	183.80	194.50	-2.30	0.25
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	344.70	364.80	-1.00	0.37
Growth Inc	133.70	141.50	-0.60	0.46
International Inc	342.20	362.10	-1.70	0.17
Nth Am & Intl Inc	315.50	333.90	-1.10	0.42
UK Gen Prog Inc	218.00	230.70	-0.70	1.24
UK High Inc Inc	135.50	143.40	-0.20	3.81
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	64.63	68.75	-0.43	...
Amer Smllr Cos	80.21	85.32	-0.83	...
Asian Gwth	117.90	125.42	-1.21	0.75
European Gwth	70.32	74.81	-0.73	1.00
Global Bd	58.18	61.51	-0.24	5.00
Global Eq	68.62	72.99	-0.63	0.50
Japanese Eq	62.89	66.90	-0.89	...
Japan Sm Cos	74.58	79.34	-1.06	...
UK Gen	54.14	57.60	-0.25	2.80
UK Gwth	58.59	62.32	-0.22	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	66.56	70.81	-0.41	4.16
Amer Smllr Cos	105.50	112.20	-0.40	...
Asian Smaller Cos	52.13	55.46	-0.35	...
Capital Portfolio	129.50	137.80	-1.0	2.22
Capital	166.30	176.90	-0.90	0.61
Cash	124.00	124.00	...	4.47
China Dragon	64.11	68.20	-1.33	0.37
Commodity	134.20	142.80	-0.50	0.51
Eastern Discovery	111.50	118.60	-1.20	...
Energy Inds	128.90	137.10	-1.40	0.37
European Gwth	192.70	205.00	-2.30	0.03
Euro Inc & Gwth	77.93	82.93†	-0.50	1.96
Euro Smllr Cos	54.80	58.39	-0.34	...
Financial Secs	198.80	211.50	-0.70	0.57
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	48.19	50.86	+0.05	8.91
Gold & Exploration	85.22	90.66	-0.27	...
High Return	228.70	243.30†	-0.90	4.19
High Yield	231.70	246.50	-0.80	3.79
Income	119.90	127.60†	-0.50	4.25
Intl Bond	161.20	170.30	-0.60	5.68
ITU	213.60	227.20	-0.40	0.73
Japan Growth	200.10	212.90	-2.10	...
Japan Smaller	231.10	245.80	-1.90	...
Korea	77.57	82.52	-0.71	...
Masterfund	57.95	61.65	-0.32	0.28
Scotbits	299.40	318.50†	-1.10	0.74
Scotshares	289.10	307.60	-1.30	2.35
Scotyields	242.00	257.40†	-1.30	3.48
Select Intl	148.30	157.80	-1.10	0.43
Smaller Cos Inc	260.50	277.10	+0.20	3.27
SE Asia	611.00	650.00	-7.80	...
Special Situation	124.20	132.10	-1.0	1.47
UK Equity	243.40	258.90†	-1.30	2.80
UK Growth	63.63	67.69	-0.51	1.55
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	48.50	51.60	-0.04	0.68
US Growth	142.20	151.30	-0.40	0.41
Univ Growth	146.50	155.90	-0.90	0.60
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3900				
Retail Funds				
American	241.58	257.18	+0.33	0.78
European Gwth	74.94	79.74	-0.22	0.86
Euro Smllr Cos	78.07	83.27	-0.64	0.19
Far Eastern Gth	103.80	110.72†	-1.43	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.28	51.96	+0.04	7.40
Global Bond	48.56	50.19†	-0.17	6.79
Global Emer Mkts	61.50	65.59	+0.32	...
Income	355.30	379.01	+0.11	3.59
Japan Smllr Cos	567.20	605.01†	-6.84	...
Japan Enterprise	78.26	83.47	-1.00	...
Pacific Gwth	143.35	152.90†	-2.12	0.00
Seoul	52.49	56.43	+0.82	...
Smaller Cos	313.56	327.79	+0.37	0.74
Tokyo	138.48	144.51	-1.33	...
UK Enterprise	249.87	266.52	-0.80	2.20
UK Equity	239.14	255.08	-0.18	2.38
US Smllr Cos	151.41	161.50	-0.02	...
World Fd	80.68	86.05†	-0.22	1.71
Institutional Funds				
European	232.80	242.50†	+3.41	1.24
Euro Smllr Cos	30.46	31.95	-0.25	1.59
Global Equity Inc	78.43	82.73	-0.51	0.67
Japan Smllr Cos	44.63	46.48	-0.42	...
Mngd Balanced	187.68	195.49	-0.75	2.55
Overseas Equity	194.45	202.49	-1.87	0.74
Oseas Smllr Cos	132.37	137.88†	-0.98	0.30
Pacific	264.50	275.52	-3.38	0.99
Recovery	£18.90	£19.28†	-0.56	2.64
UK Index	154.81	161.26	-0.60	3.13
UK Small Cos	117.20	122.37†	+0.26	2.45
US Smllr Cos	43.55	45.36	+0.01	0.33
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.36	52.57	-0.24	2.97
Equity Trust	60.65	64.59	-0.30	3.82
Equity Strategy	68.94	73.42	-0.19	1.44
European Opps	88.54	94.30	-0.96	0.67
UK Smaller Cos	63.47	67.60	+0.08	0.96
Maximum Inc	97.95	100.49	+0.01	5.43
Japanese	88.85	94.62	-1.28	0.0
Asia Pacific	132.98	141.62	-2.01	0.47
American	97.26	103.58	-0.78	0.45
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.39	30.39	...	4.588
UK General Inc	51.46	54.89	-0.18	2.72
Intl Income	290.10	309.40†	-2.60	1.01
European	79.65	84.45†	-1.08	1.47
Japan	76.13	80.60	-0.75	0.04
American	64.45	68.47	-0.35	2.02
Far East	95.35	101.71†	-0.61	0.76
Ethical Inc	30.68	32.81†	-0.16	2.12
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.14	35.43	-0.24	2.73
High Inc Inc	36.78	39.23†	-0.19	3.54
UK Global Inc	41.21	44.01	-0.22	1.47
Wwide Tact	76.25	81.55†	-0.50	0.71
Europe 2003 Tact	54.82	57.49†	-0.52	1.33
Technology	102.86	109.71	-0.30	0.93
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	379.00	405.00	-2.40	2.83
American	255.60	271.90	-0.30	0.39
Pacific	417.60	446.60	-6.60	0.36
European	545.00	582.90	-5.40	1.14
Worldwide	90.95	97.27	-0.68	0.60
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	271.30	288.70	-1.30	2.17
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	198.60	211.30	-0.10	1.55
Select Opptnty Inc	66.84	71.49	-0.14	2.20
Income Plus Inc	73.07	77.74	-0.31	3.65
European Inc	351.10	373.60	-5.80	1.08
Far Eastern Inc	184.80	196.60	-3.00	0.73
Japanese Inc	69.82	74.28	-0.73	...
Nth American Inc	239.10	254.40	-0.60	0.59
Intl Growth Inc	207.50	220.80	-2.60	0.73
Wwide Venture Inc	81.45	86.65	-0.80	0.70
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 5724				
Equity Inc	369.50	394.10	-2.20	2.72
UK High Inc	189.30	201.70	-0.70	3.55
Europe Inc	338.70	362.50	-2.90	0.43
Nth Amer Inc	210.30	224.30	-0.30	0.30
Global Inc	214.50	228.80	-0.70	0.41
UK Spec Sits Inc	101.70	108.50	-0.30	2.96
South East Asia	247.30	263.70	-2.50	0.50
Cash Trust Inc	100.80	100.80	...	4.44
UK Smllr Cos Inc	106.30	113.40	+0.10	1.85
Intl Bond Inc	88.29	93.74	...	6.31
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	146.40	153.80†	-0.30	4.34
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	124.60	131.30†	-1.70	0.91
Nth American	98.33	103.50†	-0.40	0.44
Intl Bond & Conv	124.60	131.20	-0.20	4.23
Pooled Pension (E)	189.30	203.50	...	2.05
Smaller Cos	72.33	76.14	-0.02	1.34
UK General	129.30	136.10	-1.60	1.58
For Sheppards see Mayflower				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund†	93.48	...	-0.28	...
Aztec†	119.50	...	+2.30	...
European†	124.70	...	-0.40	...
Global Bond†	94.36	...	+0.01	7.58
Samurai†	100.50	...	-1.70	...
UK Growth†	106.90	...	+0.20	.23
Tai Pan†	108.20	...	-1.20	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	227.40	243.50	+1.40	0.38
Canadian	73.90	78.20	+0.16	0.26
Capital	129.20	138.60†	-0.80	1.09
Cash	101.46	101.46	+0.02	4.68
European	137.10	145.10	+0.32	0.57
Far Eastern	182.80	193.40	-0.50	...
Growth	139.20	147.30	-1.10	1.02
Income	134.50	142.30	-0.30	4.57
Magnum	138.10	148.30	-0.80	1.12
Smllr Secs	382.60	404.80	+0.20	0.79
Thoroughbred	160.90	172.80	-1.00	1.01
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.04	50.54	...	4.10
Cntrld Prfmnce	55.85	59.55†	-0.11	8.0
Ethical	55.60	59.15	-0.19	3.0
European Growth	73.62	78.53†	-0.83	2.40
Income	55.51	59.20	-0.24	6.00
Intl Growth	99.94	106.60	-0.90	2.80
Managed	82.49	87.97†	-0.55	3.40
UK Growth	61.43	65.52†	-0.24	3.30
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD PO Box 141 1 Tanfield Edinburgh EH3 5RG 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	39.15	41.90†	-0.20	1.55
Global Advtg Acc	41.80	44.31	-0.20	1.55
Income Advtg Inc	31.43	33.32	-0.20	3.66
Income Advtg Acc	34.00	36.05	-0.20	3.66
UK Equity Gth Acc	66.74	70.92	-0.30	1.43
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	51.15	54.35	-0.20	1.48
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	37.45	39.80	-0.20	3.56
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	45.42	48.26	-0.20	3.56
UK Equity Gen Acc	62.13	66.02	-0.30	2.16
UK Equity Gen Inc	46.51	49.42	-0.20	2.16
UK Lrgr Co Acc	430.50	457.20	-2.00	3.40
UK Lrgr Co Inc	324.20	351.80	-1.60	3.40
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.70	31.41	...	6.28
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	320.10	347.40	-1.20	1.48
Nth American Acc	43.49	46.21	-0.10	0.81
Far East Acc	73.87	78.49	...	0.05
European Acc	52.89	56.20	-0.20	0.76
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street, London SW1Y 6QW 071 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.879	4.116	...	0.48
US Eqts (US$)	2.435	2.584	...	0.54
Far East Eqts (yen)	266.00	282.90	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	273.90	291.00	...	...
FT Europe	126.80	134.70	...	1.48
FT N Amer (US$)	1.779	1.887	...	0.76
FT Japan (yen)	246.30	261.60	...	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.623	2.786	...	0.65
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	353.20	376.60	-1.90	0.06
British	£10.32	£10.91	-2.60	3.38
Emerging Mkts	178.10	189.70	+1.50	...
European	557.80	594.10	-3.80	0.89
Japan	173.70	184.30	-2.50	...
New Pacific	410.10	437.60	-5.80	0.66
Investment Tst	237.30	251.50	+0.20	1.31
Mngd Equity	176.70	187.00†	-0.70	1.36
Mngd Cash	95.99	95.99†	...	4.30
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 399				
Equity	819.80	876.80	-3.10	2.96
North America	121.00	129.40	-1.00	0.93
Far East	161.20	172.50	-2.30	...
Wwide Bond	56.52	60.00	-0.25	5.54
European	106.20	113.60	-1.40	0.30
Equity Income	92.23	98.64	-0.22	4.24
Portfolio	86.34	92.34	-0.60	0.97
UK Leading Cos	59.43	63.22	-0.25	3.50
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	71.46	76.43†	+0.12	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	34.33	36.72	...	0.44
Managed Assets	128.23	137.15†	...	2.86
UK Income	40.70	43.53	...	3.41
UK Growth	39.89	42.67	...	2.68
Worldwide Growth	36.59	39.14	...	0.53
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101, Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6080				
Discretionary	51.47	54.75	...	0.15
Cap Protector Inc	43.29	46.30	-0.02	2.95
UK Income Inc	51.14	54.70†	-0.06	3.43
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.61	34.88†	-0.05	3.88
Mngd High Yld Inc	79.45	84.97†	-0.09	4.34
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	75.52	80.77	-0.10	3.30
Mngd Wwide Gth	37.95	40.59	-0.09	...
UK Smaller Cos	35.35	37.81	-0.01	1.58
Pacific Grth Port	49.61	53.06	-0.48	...
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	201.34	214.20†	-0.71	...
Brit Growth	96.75	102.93	-0.51	1.96
European	113.87	121.14†	-1.11	0.09
Extra Income	197.90	210.53†	-0.28	4.04
Smaller Cos	73.60	78.30	-0.03	1.28
General	286.48	304.77†	-1.91	2.24
Premier Income	48.26	51.31†	-0.10	6.31
Income	347.47	369.64	-1.17	3.59
Pacific	454.69	483.71	-6.66	...
International	564.14	600.15	-4.91	0.12
Nat Resources	169.75	180.59	-0.79	0.05
Sktd Opps	107.82	114.70	-1.50	1.19
Environmental Inv	63.53	67.58	-0.10	2.02
Selector	65.20	69.36	-0.28	2.06
High Income	85.17	89.33†	-0.19	4.39
Intl Income	57.99	61.69	-0.26	4.91
Selector Income	61.81	65.75	-0.22	4.78
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 667 1016				
British	331.60	349.00	-0.70	2.64
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	202.63	216.71†	-1.57	1.57
Glob Balncd Inc	172.68	185.01	-0.88	2.82
Value Tst Inc	122.82	131.36	-0.85	1.36
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Smllr Cos	62.06	66.19	-0.13	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	39.20	41.20†	-0.08	6.30
European Growth	276.86	293.03	-3.58	0.90
Exempt	527.50	551.09†	-1.08	3.50
Global Em Mkts	114.56	122.19	+1.06	0.60
Iberian Growth	45.84	48.89	-0.78	...
Japan Tst	93.35	99.55	-1.23	...
Little Dragons	98.74	105.32	-0.47	...
Nth Amer Gwth	219.38	231.78†	-1.42	0.30
Oriental Income	50.23	53.57	-0.88	4.60
Preference	121.11	128.52	-0.26	8.40
Tiger	297.89	317.74	-4.71	...
UK Blue Chip	62.15	66.36	-0.28	3.00
UK Growth	312.82	348.47†	-1.41	2.20
UK High Yield	106.07	113.44†	-0.36	3.40
UK Mid-Cap	265.83	284.31	-1.00	1.90
UK Smllr Cos	103.61	110.81	-0.05	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	99.17	106.06†	+0.16	4.80
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	30.40	32.34	-0.07	...
Pacific Basin	43.14	45.89	-0.04	...
Can Balncd Gwth	27.54	29.29	+0.03	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.87	0.91	+0.00	5.28
Penny Share	32.62	34.70	+0.23	0.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 0462				
Challenger	90.87	92.97	-0.07	...
Short Dtd Gilt	107.50	108.90	-0.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	+0.00	...
Gilt Income	48.86	50.84	...	7.95
Gilt Growth	67.11	69.85	-0.09	...
City Reserve	52.81	52.82	+0.01	4.80
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 Watling Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	79.13	84.17	+0.05	1.83

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ middle price. ... No significant data.

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Shares recover earlier losses

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	381	Abbey Ntl	394 †	+1½	...	4.9	13.2
314	234	Allied Irish	236 †	-2	...	5.3	9.1
278½	179½	Aus New Z	188	-10	...	5.0	28.3
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	3075 †	...	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	263	...	...	5.0	7.6
247	172½	Bank Scotland	200	+½	...	3.2	16.4
640	487	Barclays	568 †	+2	...	3.7	17.5
37	13½	Carlisle	29½	...	...	...	...
630½	449	Cater Allen	527	...	...	1.1	...
180	130	Castles	153	+4	...	6.6	∞
2628½	1543½	Chase Manh	2350	...	...	4.1	15.7
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2882½	-6½	...	...	...
285½	209	Close Bros	243	+6½	...	3.3	13.2
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£134½	...	...	6.2	...
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£288½	-3¼	...	2.4	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	69½	+13½	...	2.7	...
1569½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1490½	...	...	0.4	...
515	395	Gerrard Nat	478	-11½	22.0	5.8	13.8
1113	660	HSBC	710	...	...	4.4	10.2
1133	680	HSBC HK	726	-8	...	4.3	10.4
473	296	Hambros	308	-11	...	6.1	12.6
443	400	Joseph (L)	405 †	...	...	5.4	11.8
170	131	King Shaxson	131	...	...	8.6	12.9
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	510 †	...	...	4.7	9.0
660	519	Lloyds	543 †	...	...	5.3	10.7
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	113	...	...	3.9	17.2
630½	489½	Nat Aust Bk	506	-22	...	5.5	10.7
622	421	Nat West	482 †	-3	...	5.0	9.0
573	415	Provident	504	-1	...	4.0	16.0
79	53	Rea Bros	64	-1	...	1.9	16.4
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	401	-4	...	3.7	18.1
1460	1050	Schroders	1440	...	...	1.4	13.2
359½	223	Stand Chart	245 †	-4	...	3.3	8.4
291	197	TSB	212 †	+1	...	4.8	10.7
199	108	Union	112	...	...	5.1	10.2
1012	676	Warburg SG	762	+2	...	3.6	9.2
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	£102½	-5½	...	2.6	...
260	194	Westpac	208	...	...	2.6	∞
390	286	Wintrust	288 †	...	...	4.4	19.2

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	606	+5	...	4.6	14.8
649	485	Bass	569	-3	...	4.6	14.9
298	250	Boddington	283	-2	...	3.5	15.8
459	388	Bulmer (HP)	404 †	...	...	3.3	23.3
196	168	Burtonwood Brw	190	...	...	3.3	15.9
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'▲	155	...	...	2.9	21.5
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	52	-1	...	5.5	61.0
493	416	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	419	...	...	2.3	17.3
506	375	Grand Met	443 †	+4	...	3.8	19.2
511	399	Greenalls Grp	453	...	...	3.5	17.4
584	452	Greene King	506 †	...	...	3.2	14.1
542	428	Guinness	474	...	...	3.4	15.3
262	239	Hardy Hanson	262	...	...	4.2	13.4
160	135	Hewitree▲	150	...	...	3.4	13.5
457	353	Highland Dist	417	...	...	3.0	19.8
3620	3125	Holt J	3620	...	...	1.7	20.4
192	127	Macallan-Glen	192	+2	...	0.7	53.0
628	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	628	...	...	1.9	25.8
246	195	Mansfield	240	+4	...	2.3	∞
302	256	Marston Thmp	292	...	...	2.6	15.1
630	544	Matthew Clark	630 †	...	...	3.6	14.0
250	113	Morrydwn W	122 †	...	...	2.6	...
545	463	Morland	503	...	...	2.5	16.8
10½	8½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.2	15.7
267	209	Regent Inns	246	...	...	2.0	25.0
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1240½	-21½	...	2.2	20.2
591	493	Scot & New	537 †	-4	...	4.0	15.9
190	142	Taunton Cider	176 †	+1	...	4.7	13.4
306	229	Vaux Group	257	+2	...	4.7	16.5
403½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	389	...	...	1.9	25.7
617	494	Whitbread	574	-2	...	4.1	16.7
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	543	...	...	3.0	15.2
180	148	Yates Bros	171	...	...	2.2	21.1
535	483	Young 'A'	503	...	...	3.7	19.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	160 †	...	...	1.6	∞
27	12	Albrighton	17 †	...	...	3.7	16.3
200	148	Allen▲	157	...	...	4.2	18.6
164	99	Amec	115	...	...	3.3	55.8
454	333	Ashtead▲	412 †	...	...	1.7	∞
165	109	Attwoods	113	...	...	5.5	...
363	274	BPB Ind	329	...	...	3.1	22.2
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	133	-1	...	2.9	25.1
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	-1	...	2.6	20.6
88	18½	Barcom	25	...	...	8.8	3.0
60	38½	Bardon	44	+1	...	5.7	...
292	183	Barratt Devs	184	...	...	3.4	19.8
169	139	Beazer Homes	142	...	...	4.4	12.5
304	198	Bellway	214	...	...	3.6	20.1
59	42	Bellwinch	42	...	...	...	...
244	125	Berisford Intl	200	...	...	...	...
573	391	Berkeley Gp	415 †	-5	...	2.1	17.3
215	118	Bett Bros	175	...	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	72	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	304½	+4½	...	4.6	25.6
355	277	Boot (Henry)	280	-5	...	2.9	14.2
84	35	Brandon Hire	83	-1	...	2.3	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	94	...	...	6.1	26.9
154	130	Br Dredging	146	...	...	4.8	18.7
98	78	Brk Fittings	87	...	2.0	2.9	∞
197½	140	Bryant	144	-1	...	4.2	21.9
145½	111½	CALA	123	...	...	2.6	...
409	321	CRH	364	-2	...	2.6	18.5
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	24	Cosain	26	-1	...	...	...
185	143	Countryside	146 †	-2	...	3.5	32.4
120	85	Crest Nicholson	88 †	...	...	2.3	16.3
140	100	Cussins	121	...	...	3.1	14.6
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	24	...	...	1.6	...
350	273	Epwin	333	-2	...	3.0	19.6
82	57	Erith	72	+2	...	1.7	40.5
473	338	Eve Group▲	338 †	...	...	4.1	∞
60	36	Galliford	36	...	...	3.5	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	94	...	2.5	3.3	∞
1028	863	Gleeson (MJ)	863	...	...	1.8	15.1
218	182	Graham Grp	192	...	...	3.0	18.3
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	160	...	...	2.3	23.6
82	46	Hewetson	73 †	-1	...	2.1	...
473	334	Heywd Wms	365	-2	...	4.5	24.3
144	93	Higgs & Hill	94	...	...	3.3	...
41	27	How Gp	37	...	...	2.5	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	26 †	...	...	3.8	∞
100	67	Ibstock	78	+2	...	1.6	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	128	...	...	3.7	14.8
428	261	Laing (J)	270	-1½	...	3.8	21.2
164	104	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	115½	-½	...	6.9	...
145	115	Ln Clydesdale	127	...	...	4.7	17.6
173	78	Lovell (YJ)	78	...	...	...	...
465	332	Manders	354	-3	...	3.5	18.7
213½	138½	Marley	155	...	...	3.4	25.4
175	126	Marshalls	136 †	...	...	3.8	16.6
253	196	Maunders (J)	245	...	...	2.7	23.6
321	194	McAlpine (A)	208	...	...	3.9	30.5
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	63	...	...	1.0	...
569	394	Meyer Int	417 †	+2	...	3.2	17.6
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	99	-1	...	2.5	...
202½	96	NSM	108	...	...	...	12.4
190	146	Newman Tnks	176	...	...	4.4	23.6
379½	229	Persimmon	248	-1	...	4.5	22.2
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	22.0
198	131	Prowting	132	...	...	3.2	40.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	982	+5	...	2.7	22.3
116	68	Raine Ind	73	+1	...	3.4	15.8
40	23	Ransom▲	25	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	522	-2	...	6.0	27.4
108	70	Roskel	95	...	4.3	5.7	...
185½	125	Rugby Group	145	...	...	2.9	19.6
61	53	Secure Retire	55	...	...	...	...
64	50	Swfld-Bve▲	64	...	0.5	1.0	∞
195	155	Sharpe & Fisher	190	...	...	2.8	20.8
288	222	Sheffield Insl	272	...	...	2.5	21.8
357	233	Sherff Hldgs▲	357	+6	...	1.5	23.8
157	94	Shorco▲	152	...	3.2	4.3	27.5
245	195	Smart (J)	220	...	...	4.8	19.0
5	1½	Surmin	1½	...	...	...	...
206	135	Tarmac	151	+1	...	4.6	...
257	154	Tay Homes	177	-2	...	4.2	19.0
183	121	Taylor Woodrw	143	...	...	1.3	34.9
760	591	Tilbury Dougls	591	...	...	7.0	62.1
60	36	Torex Hire▲	56 †	...	...	2.0	29.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	315	...	...	3.2	25.5
29½	16	Trencherwood	17	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	29	...	...	2.2	...
28	21	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.2	...
113	90	Vibroplant	106	...	...	4.3	∞
170	127½	Walnhomes	142	...	...	3.7	15.3
74	50	Ward Hldgs	66 †	-1	...	0.9	...
63	33	Waterhouse	56	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	525	+7	...	2.9	22.6
225½	154	Westbury	161	...	...	4.1	18.0
7	3½	Wiggins	5½	-½	...	...	...
571	397	Wilson Bowdn	398	...	...	2.9	15.0
259	185	Wilson (C)	209	...	...	2.5	20.4
249	151	Wimpey G	164	+4	...	4.0	24.5
30	16	YRM	28	+1	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	688	...	...	...	...
463	253	Adam & Harvey	463 †	...	...	4.0	∞
83	58	Air London▲	63	...	...	6.9	13.8
62	44	African Lakes	54	+1	...	1.2	...
140	92½	Auto Sec	93	-1	...	...	12.1
162	101½	BET Ord	116	-2	...	3.5	19.3
195	115	BNB Res	175	...	...	3.5	20.4
255	175	BPP	228	...	...	4.9	16.1
186	151	BSM	152	...	...	4.8	12.9
255	198	Barbour Index	198 †	...	...	5.4	∞
1½	1	Black & Edgn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
226	161	Brit Data Mgt	163	-4	4.9	3.8	11.9
31	22	Broadcastle▲	27	...	...	4.6	12.9
79	58	Brooks Service	70	...	...	2.7	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	87 †	-1	...	4.8	∞
238	158	Capita Group	163 †	-1	...	2.1	20.8
54	30	Casket Plc	34 †	-1	...	4.0	11.6
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	26	...	...	...	...
85	56	Christie	61	...	...	...	...
423	232	Chubb Sec	337 †	-3	...	2.3	20.7
62	41	Corp Services	62	...	...	0.5	23.3
97	81	Coutts Cnslg	89	...	...	...	...
179	140	Dart	152 †	...	...	3.0	16.2
276	212	Davis Service	234	...	...	4.3	16.5
154	119	EW Facts▲	121	...	...	4.9	9.1
26	18½	Gardiner	19	+½	...	5.0	8.9
334	261	Hays	298	-1	...	2.3	23.0
289	220	Hogg Robinsn	252	+1	...	3.5	17.6
39	18	Holmes Protectn	28	...	...	...	1.7
365½	240	Hnsch Whamp	296	-7½	...	1.9	20.9
2690½	1937½	ISS B DKr	1937½	-87½	...	5.5	2.1
609	428	Inchcape	471	-4	...	3.9	15.0
165	156	JBA Hldgs	156	...	...	1.9	15.9
414	275	Johnson Clean	275 †	-3	...	4.9	11.1
8	4	Lep	4½	-½	...	...	...
375	283	Mitie Gp	353 †	+10	...	1.6	20.7
1625	1156½	Manpower	1625	+12½	...	0.8	...
88	65	Michael Page	88	+½	...	3.0	21.6
132	90	Parity	117	+2	...	1.6	30.2
115	85	Pennant▲	85	...	...	5.9	...
89½	69½	Proudfoot	67	...	...	6.5	16.6
415	310	RCO	310	...	...	6.2	10.6
123	97	REA	120 †	...	...	6.2	45.8
157	104	Reed Executive	157 †	+3	1.0	0.8	...
131	105	Reliance Sec▲	130	...	...	4.6	∞
279	199½	Rentokil	235	...	...	1.5	24.2
193	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	193	...	...	2.6	30.0
392	243	Salvesen (C)	281	...	...	3.6	14.7
61	43	Scott Pickford▲	55 †	...	...	2.0	∞
17½	9	Select Appt▲	13½	...	...	...	...
307	203	Serco Gp	280	+2	...	1.5	25.5
130	75	Sherwd Cmpa	126	...	...	1.8	...
130	100	Sketchley	100	...	...	3.9	16.1
338	325	Warner Howrd	329	...	...	2.8	15.6
30½	20½	Wills Gp	21	...	...	2.5	14.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
156½	119½	Allied Colloids	148 ↓	-4	...	2.0	23.8
1141	930	Amersham	1004	-9	...	1.9	21.0
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	1½	...	...	...	...
£137½	£106½	BASF DM	£133½	-4½	...	7.2	...
373	287	BTP	318	...	...	3.9	20.1
£150½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£152½	+2½	...	6.0	...
171	97	Blagden	128	...	...	1.5	58.6
137	98	Brent Chems	129	+1	...	3.9	...
460	311½	Brit Biotech	393	+3	...	...	20.8
13	5½	Caird Gp	7½	...	...	...	...
199	153	Canning (W)	195	...	...	4.2	33.0
580	467	Courtaulds	527	-6	...	3.5	42.5
385	327	Croda	385	...	...	2.7	19.6
133	95	Doeflex	115	+5	...	5.0	11.0
282	225	Ellis & Everard	280 †	+2	...	3.4	20.2
58	39½	Euro Colour	56	...	...	2.6	20.0
365	337	Halstead (J)	365	...	...	2.3	17.1
223	160	Hickson	177	...	...	5.7	15.6
£157½	£108½	Hoechst	£146	+8½	...	5.2	...
250	157½	Holliday Chem	240 †	...	...	2.3	19.6
868	728	ICI	827 †	-8	...	4.2	66.8
843	704	Laporte	803	+5	...	3.2	21.8
248	190	Leigh	226 †	...	...	4.3	20.7
85	48	MTM	85	...	...	0.7	...
2497½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2403½	-85½	...	1.4	...
525	461	Paterson Zoch	499	...	...	3.2	13.1
495	416	-do- 'A'	482	...	...	3.3	12.7
250	188	Plysu	189	...	...	4.6	22.0

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
349	265	Porvair	315	...	...	1.7	23.6
66	44	Sutcliffe Speak	47 †	...	...	1.3	27.9
490	361	Wardle Storeys	393	...	...	5.5	20.6
738	570	Wlstnhlme R	738	...	...	3.0	18.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	441 †	...	...	2.3	19.0
336	258	Yule Catto	330	...	...	2.4	25.1
869	672	Zeneca	831	-10	...	4.2	16.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Alders	226 †	...	...	3.4	16.8
410	330	Argos Plc	359	-1	...	2.9	18.8
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	69	...	...	0.2	...
357	300	Asprey	314	...	...	2.4	15.5
231	176	Austin Reed	231	...	...	3.0	12.9
168	139	Beattie (J) 'A'	140	...	...	5.5	15.1
150	110	Bentalls	125	...	...	2.0	47.1
165	73	Betterware	76	-2	...	4.3	8.2
48	36	Blacks Lels	41 †	-2	...	6.9	∞
264	214	Body Shop	227	-2	...	1.1	21.3
601	504	Boots	552	-½	...	3.4	21.8
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
345½	210	Brown (N)	244	...	...	2.0	23.4
74½	51	Burton	63	...	...	4.0	...
245	180	Castors	193	...	...	2.6	26.9
520	388	Church	483	...	...	3.4	27.7
171	96	Clinton Cards	97	...	...	6.1	8.4
287	200	Coats Viyella	227	+1	...	4.4	19.8
170	145	C'ty Casuals	146	...	...	3.7	14.9
903	740	Courts Furnitn	771	...	...	1.0	39.0
210	155	Crown Eye▲	162 †	-3	...	7.3	∞
137	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	96	-½	...	3.8	13.2
139½	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	139½	+4½	...	1.3	25.3
287	170	Dixons Grp	208 †	+2	...	4.0	22.1
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	7	-½	...	3.3	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	∞
284	191	Essex Furn	197	...	...	2.4	31.5
317	277	Etam	311	-6	...	3.0	22.1
558	494	Fine Art Dev	509	...	14.3	3.5	15.8
50	46	Fired Earth	48	...	...	...	...
725	680	Forminster	723 †	...	...	2.8	∞
230	124	French Conn▲	230	+5	...	...	13.0
73	48	Gent SR	63	...	...	4.5	19.6
120	85	Goldsmiths Gp	120 †	...	...	1.1	21.5
653	549½	GUS	587	+6	...	2.8	17.0
196	164	Hamleys	180	+1	...	3.2	17.9
31	21	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	5.4	...
70½	13½	Harelstone	15 †	-½	...	2.7	...
91	64	Honeysuckle▲	66	...	...	4.8	9.5
238	178	Hse of Fraser	217	...	...	2.9	19.5
231	173	Jacques Vert	192 †	...	...	2.9	16.9
778	477	Kingfisher	528	-1	...	3.5	12.9
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	68 †	...	...	7.4	14.3
435	350	Liberty	398	...	...	1.5	48.9
380	277	Lloyds Chem	304	...	...	3.3	10.1
184	137	MFI	146½	+1½	...	3.5	18.6
460½	380	Marks Spencer	432½	+½	...	2.7	20.1
680	534	Menzies (John)	590	...	...	2.5	14.3
343	238	Moss Bros	326	...	...	2.7	15.9
295	214	Next	270	...	...	2.5	20.1
72	39	Oliver (G)	72	...	...	...	77.5
335	255	Ostlime Intl	280 †	+4	...	4.6	12.7
37	21½	Pentos	21½	-½	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	20.0
62	25	Rhino Grp▲	31	...	...	2.0	11.2
209	157	Rosebys	158	...	...	3.8	18.3
180	113	Sherwood Gp	116	...	...	3.1	11.5
132	110	Sears	117	-1	...	3.9	19.9
46	27½	Signet Group	28½	-½	...	...	14.4
549	450	Smith WH	468	-9	...	4.0	15.1
21	11	Specialeyes▲	12	...	...	...	...
252	205	Storehouse	215	...	...	3.2	19.1
198	146	T & S Stores	190	-1	...	4.0	14.1
173	124	Tie Rack	142	...	...	1.5	16.9
265	235	Time Products	238	...	...	4.5	18.4
132	105	Usher (Frank)▲	105	...	6.0	7.1	11.4
510½	384	Vendome	509 †	-1	...	1.4	39.1
44	34	Vivat	38	...	...	4.1	9.9
70	34	WEW Group	36	...	...	2.1	26.5
82	42	Wensum▲	82	...	...	3.0	28.9
129	91	Wickes	96	...	...	1.7	21.4
97	54	Wld of Leather▲	89	...	...	...	...
195	138	Wyevale	144	-2	...	3.8	15.2

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	109	ACT Group	127	...	...	5.2	11.9
296	248	Acal▲	276	...	...	3.1	17.5
645	478	Admiral	645 †	...	...	1.3	19.8
193	163	Alba	193	...	...	3.3	15.6
46	34	Alphameric	45	...	...	...	34.3
50	26	Amstrad	32½	-½	...	1.9	...
110	73	App Holo▲	110	...	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	26	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	92½	+1½	...	1.0	22.9
281	176	Azlan	185 †	+1	...	2.0	∞
283	239	Beales Hunter	264 †	...	...	4.6	∞
478	378	BICC	400	...	...	6.1	24.8
535	411	Blick	440 †	...	...	3.0	17.7
1100	837½	Bodand▲	900	...	...	...	...
380	305½	Bowthorpe	332	...	...	2.6	18.6
486	353½	BT	378 †	-½	...	5.5	13.2
367	236½	BT P/P	259 †	...	...	5.5	13.2
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19	...	...	1.6	13.8
79	55	Burnfield	70	...	...	4.5	54.4
543	394	Cable Wireless	460 †	-2	...	2.2	19.5
35½	24	Chloride	30	...	...	...	...
283	263	CML Micro▲	268	...	...	2.8	∞
182	105	Compsy People	181	...	...	1.0	41.2
202	154	Cray Elect	189 †	+1	...	1.5	∞
467	412	Critchley	460	...	...	2.2	20.6
586	473	Delta	519	-3	...	3.5	23.1
663	446	Densmans El▲	588	...	...	1.4	16.4
560	400	Domino	530	...	...	1.9	23.7
78	68	Dowding Mills	75	...	...	4.2	25.2
1635	1220	Druck▲	1493 †	...	...	0.9	∞
589	463	Electrocomponer	499 †	-7	...	2.4	21.3
199½	135	El Data Pte	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	163	...	...	3.5	∞
38	21	Emess	28	...	...	0.3	...
451	343	Eurotherm	384 †	...	...	1.6	22.7
212	162½	FKI	178 †	+½	...	2.6	21.7
656	512	Farnell Elect	544	...	...	1.7	22.3
339	296	First Tech	339	...	...	1.3	∞
283	200	Forward Gp▲	213	...	...	2.9	12.7
50	14½	Forward Tech	48	...	...	0.7	...
363½	269½	GEC	295 †	+1	...	4.6	14.8
191	119	Graseby	158	+6	...	4.8	14.4
14½	10	Graystone	14	...	...	0.9	...
193	126	Ind Control	142	+6	...	4.0	12.7
380	268	Jones Stroud	315 †	...	...	3.6	∞
145	99	Kalamazoo	141 †	-1	...	2.9	∞
16	9	Kenthury	16 †	...	0.1	1.2	∞
396	335	Kenwood App	374 †	...	...	2.0	17.9
288	221	Kewill Sys▲	258 †	...	...	2.1	∞
165	38	Kode	50	+2	...	10.0	7.2
35	19	Laser-Scan▲	22	...	...	...	...
143½	68	LIMS▲	143½	...	...	...	...
455	255	Lec Refrig	353	...	...	3.2	...
171	107	Life Sciences	145	+3	...	3.4	15.3
314	266	Logica	286	...	...	1.8	33.0
52	45	LPA Ind▲	48	...	...	4.3	...
216	135	MR Data Mngmt	137	...	...	5.1	15.3
723	550	Macro 4	550	...	...	4.4	16.5
281	210	Memrier-Sw▲	242 †	...	...	2.1	∞
1320	795	Micro Focus	868	...	...	...	10.5
178	126	Microgen	130	...	...	7.0	13.0
45	31	Microvitec▲	40½	...	...	...	...
548½	432	Misys	434 †	...	...	2.3	∞
494	185	Mitel	233	-8	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp▲	178	+1	...	3.0	18.2
315	250	MTL Inst▲	311	...	...	1.6	20.1
148	114	Murray Ent	127 ↓	+1	...	2.0	...
2749½	2300	NYMEX	2429½	-78½	...	...	...
128	78	Neotronics	78 †	...	...	4.2	16.0
60	53	Newmark (L)	60	-4	...	...	...
415	279	Norbain▲	410 †	...	...	0.7	∞
91	47	Northamber	91 †	...	...	1.1	∞
9½	4½	Oceonics	6	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	26 ↓	...	0.5	2.5	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	306 †	+1	...	2.0	18.0
84	60	P & P	72 ↓	...	...	3.9	17.9
98	74½	Peck	87	...	...	4.9	22.5
235	175	Pegasus	179	...	...	3.5	19.7
£105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2165½	1400	-do- Lmp NV	2128½	-9½	...	0.9	9.5
440	236	Phonelink▲	273	+11	...	...	...
359	293	Pifco	355 †	...	...	1.6	∞
344	283	-do- 'A' Voting	337 †	...	...	1.7	∞
123	70	Plasmec	121	...	...	3.1	...
129	100	Prestac	126	...	...	2.5	25.7
303	191	Psion▲	260	+5	...	1.3	28.4
258	187	Racal Elect	253 †	-1	...	2.1	20.8
50	33	Radamec	46	...	...	4.6	13.9
41	27	Radius▲	39	...	...	1.3	...
166	73	Real Time▲	155 †	...	...	3.2	∞
311	229	Roxboro	258	...	...	0.9	18.9
610	507	Sage Gp	584	...	...	2.2	15.7
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	83	...	...	4.3	...
89	19	Scantronic	19	-1	...	5.5	∞
256	162	Scholes Grp	253	-3	...	0.8	∞
438	310	Sema Gp	423	-1	...	0.9	25.5
270	245	Servomex	245	...	...	3.3	27.5
49	37	Silverlines	37	...	...	1.8	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks▲	68 †	...	...	4.4	15.4
3225	2265½	TDK	2868½	-21½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits▲	14	-½	...	...	...
170	83	Telemetrix	91	...	...	1.4	11.6
296	191	Telspec	285	+2	...	1.1	34.4
1165	979	THORN EMI	1054 †	-9	...	4.0	21.5
207	133	Thorpe FW	206	...	...	1.7	18.4
43	22	Total Systems▲	25	...	...	7.5	∞
303	215	Tunstall	249	...	...	1.8	17.8
363	256	Unitech	357 †	...	...	2.3	27.9
16	8½	Verity	11½	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec▲	23	+½	...	2.2	12.5
212	157½	Vodafone	204	+½	...	1.7	26.7
483	395	Volex	420 †	+2	...	5.4	18.4
31	20	Western Selectn	26	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	260	Wholesale Ftgs	274	...	11.7	5.5	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
752	537	East Midlands	752 †	+3	...	3.8	59.3
812	586	Eastern Elect	802 †	...	...	3.6	17.5
477	322	Hydro-Elect	387 †	-1	...	4.1	12.2
733½	534	London Elect	706	+4	...	4.0	10.8
850	636	Manweb	810 †	+7	...	3.8	9.7
786	547	Midlands Elec	784 †	+6	...	3.7	12.0
510	404½	National Powr	497 †	+1	...	3.1	12.3
801	589	Northern Elec	798 †	+16	...	3.9	10.0
421	328	Nthn Ireland	386 †	+1	...	3.7	10.5
806	587	Norweb	791 †	-2½	...	3.6	10.4
587	449	PowerGen	590	+2	...	2.8	12.5
486	337½	Scottish Power	422 †	+5	...	3.7	13.3
435	299	Seeboard	420	+1	...	3.5	11.1
825	591	Sth Wales	787	+12	...	4.1	10.7
797	551	Sth Western	770 †	+8	...	3.8	10.2
767	540	Southern Elec	767 †	+11	...	3.7	12.0
720½	532	Yorkshire Elec	716 †	+4	...	4.1	13.9

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 †	...	1.0	2.5	∞
165	99	BWD▲	110 †	...	...	4.8	9.0
118	98	Baltic Plc	116	...	...	1.6	12.9
215	168	Biotec Inv	165	...	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	738	...	...	2.7	18.2
3640½	1900	Camellia	2640½	+140½	...	1.5	7.1
363	310	Candover	327	+2	...	4.2	...
212	196	Exco	207	...	...	5.1	11.2
465	387	Goveit	391 †	...	...	4.8	6.3
250	185	Ivory Sime	230 †	...	...	4.1	17.9
245	175	Johnson Fry	198	...	1.5	1.0	...
245	143	Lon Forfaiting▲	147	...	...	7.9	9.2

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	44	Mercalm	49	...	...	...	...
29½	8½	Nat Home Loan	17½	+½	...	...	0.4
58	53	Newmarket	58	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Bro	222	...	...	3.4	14.3
39	21½	Rutland Tst	29½	+1½	...	1.8	14.3
363½	281½	S & U	333	...	...	3.9	10.8
114	82	Singer & Fried	82	-3	...	4.6	10.6
1260	788	Sotheby's	803	...	...	3.5	34.7
188	131	STP Capital	152	...	...	2.5	9.4
224	174½	Towry Law	176	...	...	3.3	17.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2015½	1628½	Amer Express	1768½	+6½	...	...	...
154	131	Brewin Dolphin	151 †	...	...	4.8	11.2
229	157	Gartmore	179	...	...	2.8	20.7
1208	845	Henderson Ad	925	...	...	5.0	14.7
251½	152	Invesco	184	-1	...	2.4	30.2
317	214½	Jardine Strat	242	-4½	...	3.3	10.0
323	267	MAI	282	-2	...	3.1	15.4
117½	95½	MAI 5½% Cv Pf	107½	-1	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	618	...	...	4.6	14.4
1203	794	M & G	1005	...	...	3.5	21.0
496	342	Smith New Crt	406 †	+1	...	3.1	3.7
65	25	Trio Hldgs	27	...	...	6.9	12.3

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	566½	-6	...	3.3	11.1
66	50½	ASDA Group	64 †	-1½	...	3.4	13.5
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	300	...	...	3.5	12.0
74	44	Albert Fisher	46½	+1½	...	10.1	10.3
308½	222½	Argyll	288 †	+½	...	5.0	12.6
270	220	Banks (S C)	260 †	-4	...	4.7	10.0
371	305	Barr (AG)	330	...	...	2.3	23.9
72	5½	Bensons Crsp▲	58	...	...	6.1	19.2
481	378	Booker	435	-1	...	6.2	15.5
56½	48	Borthwick	53½	...	...	3.0	22.9
505	424	Brake Bros	424	...	...	2.0	15.7
43	24	Budgen	29 †	...	...	4.3	∞
178	156	CPL Aromas	175	...	...	2.1	16.7
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	475	+2½	...	3.8	16.1
232	143	Carrs Milling	187	...	...	3.0	∞
167	130	Cranswick	163	...	...	6.3	13.6
17	11½	Cullens	14½	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	117 †	...	...	1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	464	+1	...	5.6	13.5
87	50	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.7	...
294	219	Devro	250	...	...	3.1	16.9
101	60	Everest	65	...	...	7.1	12.4
394	348	Farepak	350 †	...	...	2.4	∞
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	6.8	14.2
105	87	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.8	17.1
371	193	Geest	223	+1	8.1	4.5	...
20½	14	Global▲	16	...	...	3.9	14.6
68	38	Grand Central	48	+1	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	137 †	+1	...	6.1	8.3
196½	151	Hillsdown	184	+2	...	6.0	14.7
28	16	Hobson	22	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	149	-2	...	3.2	9.5
111	93	JLI Group	98 †	...	...	6.1	13.8
650	523	Kwik Save	602	...	...	3.9	10.5
364	138	Low (Wm)	362	-1	...	2.9	12.0
126	85	Matthews (B)	118	...	...	2.6	18.8
18	10½	Merchant Retail	12½	+½	...	2.0	...
142	99	Morrison (W)	140½	-1½	...	0.9	16.4
246	205	Nichols (JN)	238	...	...	3.1	15.1
271½	197	Nthn Foods	215 †	-1	...	5.1	10.5
14	9	Nrthmbrn Fn▲	13	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peack	191	...	...	4.3	10.6
146	89½	Park Foods	140 †	+6	...	2.1	∞
81	62	Perkins Food	80	-1	...	7.0	13.4
141	109	PizzaExpress	139	...	...	0.5	27.3
5½	2½	Regina Hlth▲	2½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	436	+2	...	3.8	15.4
96	73	Senny Farms▲	78	-3	...	3.6	7.9
122	71	Sims Food	95 †	+6	...	9.9	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	445	-1	...	3.7	11.0
254	200½	Tesco	245	-2	...	4.0	12.7
198	162	Thorntons	183	...	...	2.6	...
238	145	Treats▲	212 †	...	...	2.4	17.3
434½	346	Unigate	377	+3	...	5.7	10.7
388	302	Utd Biscuits	340	-½	...	5.6	14.4
21	8	Usborne	8½	...	...	4.9	6.3
422	279	Watson & Phil	368	...	...	5.0	14.9
49	34	West Trust	38	-1	...	8.8	25.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrdn Stk H▲	34	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	76	...	...	2.9	15.3
285	209½	Forte	245	+1	...	3.8	38.2
207	169	Friendly Hotels	190	...	...	3.5	32.7
169½	142½	Jurys Hotel	146	...	...	4.8	∞
217½	153	Ladbroke	167	-4	...	4.5	24.6
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	85½	-3½	...	3.8	22.1
31	18½	Ryan Hotels E	27	...	...	4.8	15.4
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	940	...	...	0.5	...
92	80½	Stakis	87½	+½	...	1.7	31.5

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	44	...	...	...	...
544	413	AAH	421 †	...	...	5.3	15.0
185	119	AIM	136 †	...	...	4.1	36.3
138	108	APV	114	+1	...	5.9	...
270	157	ASW	214	...	...	3.5	...
202	158	Adwest	184	...	...	5.0	19.8
20½	14	Aerospace Eng	20	+2	...	4.6	∞
312	223	Airsprung	233	...	...	2.6	∞
270	192	Alexdra W	218	...	...	3.2	23.2
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	320	...	...	2.4	17.8
73	39	Alvis	56 †	...	...	2.2	38.9
760	705	Amber Ind	760	...	...	3.3	15.8
65½	43½	Amberley Gp▲	59 ↓	+2	...	2.1	∞
81	43	Anagen	49	...	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	55	...	...	...	...
343	195½	Antofagasta	286	-5	...	1.4	34.1
62	48	Armour	51½	...	...	4.1	12.0
175	168	Ash & Lacy	168	...	...	4.8	20.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	55.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	621	...	...	3.3	22.0
297½	249	Assoc Nursg	251	...	...	1.0	∞
553	490	Atlas Equip	533	...	...	5.2	18.5
96	66	Ayrshire Metal	96 †	...	1.5	2.0	...
236	180	BBA	194	-3	...	4.6	...
163	115	BLP Group▲	159	...	...	0.8	43.6
45½	24½	BM Gp	43½	...	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	734	-2	...	4.0	31.0
86½	60½	BSG	69	...	...	5.8	43.1
578	495	BSS Group	543	...	...	4.1	32.7
488	344	BTR	379	+1	...	4.0	19.7
176	138	BWI	150	-1	...	5.6	19.0
40½	26½	Babcock	33½	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	234	...	...	4.8	18.6
568½	368½	Barlow	449½	-6½	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	78	-1	...	2.6	21.3
25½	17	Bearing Power	19	...	...	4.9	12.1
95	23	Beauford	27	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)▲	31	...	...	...	...
18½	12	Benson Group	16	...	...	2.6	∞
393	243	Bespak	295 †	+3	...	4.3	15.1
91	49	Bibby (J)	57	+3	...	4.4	...
226	143	Billam (J)	145	...	...	4.6	9.0
38	26	Bilston Batrsea▲	38	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	273 †	-6	...	2.7	∞
44	30	Black Arrow	41 †	...	...	7.9	∞
283	233	Black (Peter)	282	+1	3.8	1.7	22.1
240	135½	Bluebird Toys▲	240	+8	...	2.1	10.1
329	262	Bodycote	309	...	...	2.1	21.9
40	31	Bogod 'A'	33 †	...	...	2.7	∞
69	43	Booth Inds	67	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	26 †	-1	...	3.8	∞
524	409	Bowater	462	+2	...	3.4	17.3
1809½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1665½	-12½	...	...	...
297	252	Brammer Intl▲	293	+4	...	1.7	18.7
20	15	Brasway	17 †	...	...	3.9	∞
355	288	Brammer	355	...	...	4.6	23.1
31	18	Bridgend Gp	18	...	...	1.4	∞
168	120	Bridon	168	...	...	3.0	...
96	74	Bridport-Gndry	96	...	...	2.9	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	50½	+½	...	8.4	9.9
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	...	5.3	16.0
124	76	Br Bloodstock▲	76	-2	...	...	68.2
515	435	Br Polythene	466	...	...	3.1	16.4
164½	121½	Br Steel	155	+4½	...	1.6	57.4
176	93	Br Thornton	93 †	...	...	8.1	∞
309	233	Br Vita	275	...	...	3.4	23.1
180½	136½	Brixton Grp	152 ↓	...	...	2.1	22.4
952	773½	Broken Hill	922	-16	...	2.1	40.1
125	86½	Bromsgrove Ind	96 †	...	...	5.9	12.2
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	51	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	162 †	...	...	4.7	26.6
16	8	Business Tech▲	8½	-½	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	4.2	61.2
44	31	Campbll & Arm	36	...	...	...	...
39	26	Cannon St	31	...	...	...	11.9
488	398	Cantab Pharms	400	...	...	...	...
278	254	Cape	262	...	...	5.2	16.6
455	278	Caradon	282	+1	...	3.8	21.9
215½	139½	-do- pf	144½	-½	7.2	6.3	...
293	251	Carclo Eng	252 †	...	...	4.5	16.5
10	6	Care UK	6	...	...	...	...
2446½	1990½	Carnaud Mtl	2081½	-6½	...	2.3	15.8
104	80	Cassidy Bros▲	88 †	...	...	3.9	11.3
155	110	Castings	149	-6	...	2.2	∞
66	32½	Cathay Intl	34	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	205	...	...	...	...
230	155	Chambrlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
798	636½	Charter	796	+26	...	3.5	22.6
360	273	Chemring	289	...	...	4.0	15.2
62	46	Chieftain Gp▲	56 †	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Intl	183	...	...	1.4	32.3
80	60	Clayhithe	66 †	...	...	5.0	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	510	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	246	+4	...	3.7	14.0
263	195	Concentric	195	-3	...	3.8	16.2
310	240	Cook (Wm)	285 †	+2	...	3.3	13.7
285	227	Cookson	263	+2	...	3.0	28.4
118	81	Copymore▲	105	...	...	4.8	14.9
167	139	Crowll Pkr 'A'	139	-2	...	5.1	18.8
157	109	Cosalt	142 †	-1	...	5.5	...
285	210	Creighton N▲	213 †	...	...	4.5	∞
51	31	CrestaCare	34	...	...	2.8	...
2062½	18½	Dana	1762½	-31½	...	...	...
388	305	Danka Bs Sys	313	+4	...	0.6	26.7
296	220	David Brown	250	...	...	3.2	17.6
1021	825	De La Rue	958 †	-5	...	2.6	20.4
156	133	Denby Group	156	...	...	2.5	15.2
52	35	Dinkie Heel	35	...	...	5.0	9.1
628	460½	Diploma	480	...	...	3.3	19.2
97	70	Dobson Park	82	...	...	5.7	16.2
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	110 †	...	5.0	5.7	20.2
97	78	-do- 'A'	88 †	...	...	5.0	∞
16	13	EFG	13½	...	0.1	0.9	8.8

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
442	364	EIS	382	...	...	4.0	15.3
25	15	Elbief	19	...	...	...	...
53	41	Elecp	42	...	...	...	...
3756½	7300	Electrolux 'B'	3139½	-15½	...	1.7	54.3
91	69	Elliott (B)	85	...	...	1.5	13.0
447½	321	Eng China Cl	388	+1	...	5.2	22.6
146	9½	Envirotnned	105	...	...	0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3456½	-65½	...	1.1	30.2
86	56	Eurocopy	65 †	...	...	3.5	19.1
114	60	Expamet	112	-1	...	2.8	79.3
392	334½	Fairey Group	384	-3	...	1.9	20.3
145	109	Fenner	134	-4	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	30	Ferrum	30	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	53	...	...	6.5	7.8
157	113	Finsos	147	...	...	3.7	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	40 ↓	...	...	11.3	...
298	263	Flogas	298	...	...	2.8	∞
51	38	Folkes Group nv	43	...	1.5	4.4	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95 †	...	...	4.8	18.8
254	220	Frost Group	243	...	...	2.5	25.7
89	77	GEI Int	84	...	...	2.2	21.6
660	570½	GKN	628	...	...	4.1	36.3
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	112	...	...	5.0	30.3
191	136	Gestetner	149 ↓	+2	...	2.0	...
66	49	Glevés	61	...	...	2.0	39.1
725	530	Glaxo	645	+6	...	4.7	15.3
46	35½	Glenchewton	37	...	...	...	...
404	334	Glynwed	357	-1	...	4.1	20.7
209	125	Goode Durrant	198 †	...	...	3.8	15.5
185	143	Grampian Hd	155	...	...	4.4	99.8
598	487	Granada	497 †	-5	...	2.7	19.6
770	482	Great Sthrn▲	770 †	...	...	2.5	25.5
85	71	Green (Ernst)▲	71	...	...	12.3	13.0
15½	11½	Greenacre	11½	...	...	3.5	16.1
85	61	Haden MacLn	81	...	...	3.1	20.7
122	90	Hadleigh	116 †	...	...	2.2	13.6
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	71	...	...	...	55.4
320	149	Hall Eng	178	...	...	6.7	10.2
256	204	Halma	224	+2	...	1.3	26.3
72	47	Hampson Ind	72 †	...	...	3.5	13.7
302	237½	Hanson	256½	+2½	...	5.9	22.7
161	132	Harris (Philip)	156	...	...	5.5	19.3
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	188	...	...	6.1	21.0
180	121	Havelock Euro	126	...	...	1.4	20.9
48	30	Hay (Norman)	33	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	40	+3	...	2.2	...
511	307	Hepworth	324	+2	...	5.7	16.9
205	150	Hewitt (J)	150	-1	...	2.2	...
75	52	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
184½	148	Hill & Smith	153 †	-1	...	4.8	16.6
191	111	Holders Tech▲	119 †	...	...	6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	58	-2	...	2.8	...
216	176	Hornby▲	189	...	...	6.0	17.3
103	78	Howden	97	...	...	3.2	∞
292	234	Hozelock	282	-6	...	2.7	20.1
265	188	Hunting	188	...	...	6.6	37.2
513	402	Huntleigh Tec▲	428	...	...	1.3	24.7
379	288	IMI	345	...	...	3.6	29.3
138	110	ISA Intl	126	...	...	1.6	16.9
165	50	Intercare Gp▲	50	...	...	8.8	5.3
325	284	Isotron	293	...	4.4	1.9	16.5
710	409½	Jardine Math	537½	+1½	...	2.6	12.6
628	488	Johnson Math	575	...	...	2.5	22.9
51	37	Johnson & FB	44	...	...	1.0	...
294	149	Johnston	294	...	...	0.9	...
32	25	Jones Shipman	29	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31	...	...	4.1	30.3
191½	149½	Kalon	162 †	...	...	3.4	16.4
301	230	Kelsey Ind	284	+1	...	3.5	...
855	730	Kershaw (A)	845 †	...	...	4.1	38.9
276	197	Kleeneze	208	...	...	0.6	46.2
444	341	Laird	414	-1	...	3.2	19.5
170	145	Lilleshall	168 †	...	...	3.5	17.6
229	205	Lincat▲	210	...	...	3.7	14.8
403	313	Linton Park	403	...	...	4.7	∞
14	6½	Lionheart	6½	...	...	5.6	15.3
20½	15	Locker (T) A	15½	...	...	1.6	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	97	-1	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	134 †	+1	...	3.7	36.8
436	364	Low & Bonar	426 †	...	...	3.0	17.0
49	41	ML Hdgs	44 †	-1	...	2.4	15.3
67	49	MS Intl	49 †	-1	...	6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	59	...	...	3.2	14.3



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271	223	Macfarlane	248	...	...	1.9	22.5
539	431	McKechnie	487	-10	...	3.8	23.3
127	100	McLeod Russel	118	...	...	6.5	18.4
104	70	Magnolia	73	...	...	0.2	...
163	129	Mang Bronze	161	...	...	2.7	18.2
26½	18½	Marling	25 †	...	...	3.3	44.8
231	166	Mayborn▲	173	+1	...	4.1	12.1
64	53	Mayflower	63	...	...	2.7	25.6
187	120	Medeva	125	...	...	2.7	10.9
120	77½	Meggitt	85	...	...	5.8	12.7
120	101	Metalr	109	...	...	4.2	18.1
128	99	Metrotect	100	...	...	4.3	∞
133	99	Metsec▲	132	...	...	1.9	18.4
124	83	Midstates	92	...	...	1.0	12.8
599	548	Molins	563	-3	...	3.4	11.3
408	326	Morgan Cble	352	...	...	4.5	17.7
217	176	Morris Ashby▲	208 †	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	34 †	...	...	4.6	15.9
80	42	Nestor-BNA	50	...	...	7.9	11.2
274	214	Nobo Gp	242 †	...	...	3.1	∞
212½	120	Norcros	125	...	...	7.0	22.4
35	29½	Novo Group	29½	...	...	4.7	9.5
64	48	OMI Intl	54½	...	...	4.0	∞
175	160	PCT▲	163	...	7.2	5.6	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems▲	83	...	...	5.8	27.4
46	31	Pascoe's	42	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	101	...	...	3.5	21.0
310	220	Photo-Me	256	...	4.7	2.3	15.4
208	162	Pilkington	195	+1	...	2.6	...
53	38	Plant & Gen	49	...	1.5	3.8	∞
185	82	Plantsbrook	178	+3	...	2.4	21.0
185	129	Polypipe	142	...	...	1.9	18.2
38	16	Porter Chadbrn	37	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	294	...	...	3.1	13.1
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	18	...	...	5.7	9.7
77	56	RPS Group▲	60	...	...	5.0	12.4
108	80	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	396 †	-4	...	4.0	25.4
63	13	Ransomes	63	...	...	...	...
723	551	Reckitt Colm	638	-2	...	3.4	15.9
95	70	Record	89	...	...	5.1	20.0
5½	3½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	254 †	+3	...	2.7	46.4
308	268	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	36.7
180	126	Renold	169½	+½	...	1.8	∞
539½	424	Reuters	507 †	+3	...	1.7	25.4
90	74	Rexmore	83 †	...	...	3.8	∞
194	138	Ricardo Group	159	...	...	4.6	18.6
73	55	Richard (Leics)	55	...	...	5.1	39.4
104½	82½	Richardson West	90	...	...	4.6	17.9
164	118½	Ropner	144	...	...	6.5	14.6
24	15	Ross Gp	15½	...	...	3.2	...
195	157	Rotork	172	...	...	3.2	17.3
190	137	Rubicon	140	...	...	4.2	∞
91	62	Russell (A)	90	...	...	2.4	32.0
42	34½	SEP Indl	39½	...	...	2.8	18.6
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1140½	-43½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	220	+1	...	3.3	18.8
230	168	Scholl	177	...	...	4.5	14.4
291	242	Scotia	287	+9	...	...	...
1388	1140	Securicor	1385 †	-3	...	0.3	34.3
1036	785	-do- 'A'	923 †	-4	...	0.4	22.9
892	606	Security Serv	724 †	-3	...	1.0	22.9
150½	89½	Senior Eng	138	+½	...	3.0	22.5
353	291	Seton Health	353	...	...	2.3	18.0
180	138	Shiloh	148	...	...	3.0	9.8
358	266	Sidlaw	282	-1	...	4.8	13.8
630	517	Siebe	577 †	-5	...	2.4	18.6
378	194	Silentnight	206	...	...	4.9	11.8
192	137	Sime Darby	189	-3	...	2.5	20.9
130½	73	Simon Eng	114	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	200	...	...	4.4	16.2
70	35	Six Hundred	68	...	...	2.8	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	154½	-1½	...	4.1	16.9
457½	357½	Smithkline	448 †	-½	...	3.0	17.4
412	322	Smithkline Uts	401 †	+2	...	3.4	15.6
527½	429	Smiths Ind	475	-3	...	3.2	19.1
104	41	Stim Bus	48	...	...	9.7	7.5
245	155½	Spandex▲	245	...	...	1.5	22.9
1130	420	Spear (JW)	1130	...	...	2.1	19.2
437	337	Spirax-Sarco	432	...	...	2.9	30.5
81½	45	Spring Ram	51½	...	...	1.2	...
287	197	Staveley	225	...	...	4.7	65.8
253	197	Sterling Ind	253	...	...	3.1	22.7
220	180	Suter	206 †	+9	...	5.6	18.2
604	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	495	-13	...	1.9	∞
178	149	Sytome	164 †	...	...	3.8	18.2

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	351	TI	373 †	...	...	3.6	20.6
44	31	TLS Range▲	40	...	...	1.6	44.3
389	330	T T Group	368	...	...	2.2	∞
292	192	Takare	217 †	-5	2.0	1.2	19.9
852½	656	Takeda Chem	817	-9½	...	0.8	14.9
102	92	Tinsley (E)▲	102 †	...	...	6.9	∞
220	199	Titon▲	199	...	...	2.7	16.9
283	213	Tomkins	235 †	...	...	3.9	15.1
124	74½	Trafalgar H	90	-1	...	1.4	...
105	63	Transfer Tech	69	...	...	6.0	7.4
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	140 †	-4	...	6.2	∞
318	262	UniChem	307	...	...	2.6	17.2
440	345	Unicare	365	...	...	4.0	14.4
54	33	Unigroup	45	...	...	...	...
1267	958	Unilever	1121	-5	25.0	2.8	16.1
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7290½	-28½	...	3.0	14.5
18½	12	Utd Inds	16	...	...	...	...
1093	816	VSEL	885	+2	...	4.8	8.3
31½	14½	Verson	17½	...	...	...	...
224	166	Vickers	200	+2	...	1.9	25.1
327	264	Victaulic	277	-2	...	3.6	15.2
522	451	Vinten	487	...	...	2.0	15.0
805	561	Vosper Thorny	738	-2	...	3.0	16.0
65	37	WSP Hldgs	59	-2	...	3.8	43.5
527	451	Wagon Ind	510 †	...	...	4.4	∞
200	60	Wakebourne	80	...	...	...	...
114	97	Walker Greenbk	105	...	3.3	4.0	∞
314	246½	Wassall	309	-4	...	1.4	27.5
62	44	Watford Wdgwd	60	...	...	...	60.7
365	254	Weir	306	-6	...	2.7	17.7
731	498	Wellcome	709 †	-9	...	3.0	16.1
220	200	Wellington Hdg	200	...	...	3.2	19.3
39	36	Wellman	36 ↓	...	...	3.9	62.6
400	294	West Hitheare	354 †	+1	...	1.6	∞
548	455	Whatman	480	...	...	2.7	17.0
254	106	Whessoe	137	-3	...	7.5	10.5
128	93	Whitecroft	128	...	...	2.0	20.2
13½	10	Widney	11½	+½	...	...	...
414½	329	Williams Hldg	352	-3	...	4.5	19.0
57	39½	Wilshaw	56 †	+½	...	1.3	23.0
975	705	Wolseley	808	+4	...	2.2	19.6
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.7
67	45	Wyko	61	-4	...	1.0	∞
96	70	Young (H)	80	-1	...	5.2	...

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	932½	Alex & Alex	1287½	-18½	...	5.2	...
2043½	1693	Am Gen	1825 †	-19½	...	4.1	...
86	50½	Archer	52	...	...	2.4	...
165	89	Bradstock	97 †	...	...	7.2	11.1
550	379	Britannic	413	...	...	4.0	...
117	90	CLM Insce	93 †	...	1.4	1.9	...
711	486	Cem Union	547 †	+7	...	4.6	15.6
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1663	...	...	1.6	22.0
64	33	FAI	41	+1	...	1.2	...
194	144	Fenchurch Grp	154	...	...	5.8	13.8
755	533	Gen Accident	570	+7	...	6.2	9.0
245	151	GRE	185	-1	...	5.1	2.5
457	268	Heath C E	272	-3	...	6.8	...
323	239	Independent Ins	253	...	...	4.1	7.2
203	129½	JIB Group	149	...	...	6.3	13.5
547	407	Legal & Gen	448	+2	...	5.6	15.0
1390½	975	Liberty Life	1362½	+6½	...	7.8	5.2
119	43	LIMIT	94½	+½	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	360 †	-2	...	6.4	10.9
310	165	Lloyd Thomp	166	-1	7.1	5.4	10.3
178	159	Lombard Ins	178	...	...	5.4	10.3
443	313	Londn & Man	326	...	...	6.0	16.2
472	380	Lowndes Lmb	390 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
5897½	5377½	Marsh McLn	5481½	...	...	3.4	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	154	...	...	4.5	15.4
129½	109	Oriel	112 ↓	...	...	5.6	∞
83	38	PWS	45	...	...	8.3	...
385	271	Prudential	319	+6½	...	5.2	15.2
404	261	Refuge	292	...	...	5.0	20.8
350	232½	Royal	286 †	+2	...	3.9	7.2
222	157	Sedgwick	167 †	-1	...	4.5	18.8
155	105	Steel Burrill	116	...	...	9.7	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	59 †	...	...	6.4	71.0
418	285	Sun Alliance	326	+1	...	5.7	14.9
96	51	Trade Indemnty	61	+1	...	1.9	13.5
464	343	Transatlantic	368 †	...	...	4.1	33.3
673	468	Utd Friendly	543	...	...	3.8	27.9
245	133	Willis Corroon	156	+1	...	5.3	13.8
28	20	Windsor	21	...	...	...	16.5

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
322	280	3i	322	...	...	2.5	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1875	+12	...	3.2	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	435 †	...	...	2.1	...
161	123	BZW Conv	146½	...	7.8	6.7	...
219	173	Bankers	194½	+½	...	2.4	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	345 †	...	...	2.4	...
248	198	Berry Starq	224	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	99½	+½	...	5.4	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	94½	...	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	41	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	214	...	...	2.8	...
272	221	Brunner	250 †	+1	...	2.7	...
223	194	Contl Assn	205	...	...	1.8	...
173	147	Derby Inc	165 †	...	...	11.9	...
328	268	-do- Cap	318	-2	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	85	...	...	12.4	...
111	84	-do- Eng Ind	97	...	...	1.0	...
156	128	-do- Far East	153 †	-½	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	671	...	...	4.9	...
108	85	-do- Japan	98½	-½	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	56	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	316	...	...	3.6	...
827	725	-do- Wwde	806	...	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	324	-2	...	3.4	...
354	286	Electra Inv	329	...	...	2.7	...
230	185	Electric Gen	202½	+½	...	2.0	∞
127	106	English Scot	121	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	323 †	...	...	1.8	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	309 †	+1	...	0.4	...
145	75½	Fleming Chinese	88	-1½	...	...	...
92	42	-do- Warrants	48	-1	...	...	...
267	196	-do- Claver	214 †	...	...	3.2	...
385	305	-do- Conti	350	...	...	0.8	...
264	190	-do- Emp	209 †	...	...	2.9	∞
459	327	-do- F East	368	...	1.3	0.5	...
422	359½	-do- Fledg	375 †	...	...	1.0	...
120	89	-do- Hi Inc	100 †	...	...	5.5	...
281½	223	-do- Japan	278	...	...	0.2	...
347	269½	-do- Merc	301 †	+1	...	2.9	...
347½	280½	-do- O'seas	313	+1	4.2	1.7	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	144½	+1½	...	1.5	...
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	134½	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	-do- Enterprise	73	+½	...	1.0	...
261	216	-do- Eurotst	245	...	...	0.6	...
145	116	-do- German	136	...	...	0.5	...
374	307	-do- Pacific	330	-1	...	0.8	...
192	159½	-do- Smaller	179½	...	...	1.4	∞
303	247	GT Japan	271	...	...	0.6	...
200	190	Genl Cons Cap	187	...	...	...	...
115½	105	-do- Inc	110 †	...	...	9.9	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	144	...	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	131 †	+1	...	0.2	∞
96½	80	-do- Global Smlr	88	+1	...	...	...
112	83	-do- High Inc	91	...	...	7.0	...
429	349	-do- Oriental	399	-1	...	0.3	...
346	239	Govett Strategic	260	...	...	3.2	...
475	410	Greenfriar	434 †	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	97	...	...	...	...
99	92	Int Biotech	96	...	...	...	...
50	30	-do- Warrants	45	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	135 †	-1	...	4.8	...
119	94	IRS UK Smlr	111	-2	...	3.2	...
177	136	INVESCO Korea	158	-1	...	...	...
243	190½	Kleinwort Chm	222 †	-2	...	2.9	...
88½	75½	-do- Euro Prvt	82½	...	...	...	...
49	29	-do- Euro Wts	33	...	...	...	...
272½	232½	-do- O'seas	248 †	...	...	1.7	...
165	134	-do- Smlr	138	...	...	3.2	...
826	672	Law Debenture	766 †	-4	...	3.2	...
227	190	Majedie	209	...	...	3.0	...
324	237	Merchants	278 †	-2	...	5.0	...
89	79½	Mercury Euro Pr	88	...	...	...	...
45	28½	-do- Warrants	35	...	...	...	...
125	98	-do- World Mng	108	+1	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wts	35	-1	...	...	...
2987½	2250	Merrill Lynch	2325	...	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	550	+2	...	1.6	...
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	142	...	...	4.0	...
64	43	-do- Warrants	53	...	...	...	...
106	87	-do- Latin Amer	106	+2	...	...	...
64	39	-do- Warrants	64	+3	...	...	...
148	114	Murray Ent	127 ↓	+1	...	2.0	...
59	34	-do- Warrants	40	+1	...	...	...
66	54	Murray Euro	61½	+½	...	0.6	...
23½	16	-do- Wts	17½	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	356	...	11.3	4.0	...
395	319	-do- Intl	354 †	...	...	4.2	...
546	424	-do- Small	459 †	-2	...	1.1	...
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	89 †	...	...	14.9	...
174	135	-do- S/C Cap	148	...	...	...	...
3400	2775	-do- S/C Uts	3050 †	...	...	4.3	...
162	153	-do- S/C DP	161½	...	...	...	...
363	324	-do- Vent	334	-2	...	4.1	...
67	61	Northrop Inc	64	...	...	9.3	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	378	+2	...	1.0	...
241	179	-do- Warrants	206	...	...	...	...
648½	432	Pacific Assets	541	-3	...	0.3	...
542	378	-do- Warrants	441	-2	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	6100	...	195	3.0	∞
189	168½	RIT Cap Ptnr	180	...	...	1.0	...
137	113	River & Merc	113 †	...	...	10.2	...
419	413	Robeco	435	...	...	2.9	...
463	415	Rolinco	445	...	...	1.7	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	320 †	...	...	3.1	...
183	150½	Scot American	167½	+1	...	3.6	...
364	235	Scott Asian	296	...	...	...	...
1030	663	-do- Warrants	793	...	...	...	...
47½	77	-do- Eastern	86½	+1	...	2.3	...
252	209½	Scottish	230	+1	...	2.7	∞
264½	205	-do- Mree	239½	+1	...	2.1	...
133½	111½	-do- Value	118½	+½	...	2.1	...
1795	1520	Second Allnce	1665	+5	...	3.0	...
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	89	+1½	...	4.6	...
170	146	Selective Asset	160	+1	...	1.1	...
51½	41	Sphere Inv	45½	...	...	0.1	...
205	149	TR Far East	169 †	-1	...	3.8	...
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	150 †	...	...	4.0	...
124½	96	TR Pacific	115	-1	...	0.2	...
43½	34	TR Property	34½	...	...	3.2	...
152	113	TR Tech Inv	131 †	...	...	1.7	...
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	208 †	-2	...	2.3	∞
412	310	Temple Bar	358 †	...	...	4.8	...
135	102	Thrgtn Asian E	116	...	...	0.5	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	81 †	...	...	3.5	...
568	468	Thrgy Dual Cp	543	-2	...	...	...
269	222	TSDC Invest	258	...	...	2.2	...
129	109½	Value Inc Tst	120½	...	...	4.1	...
257½	205	Witan	235 †	-2	...	3.1	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
579½	417	Airtours	449	+4	...	2.5	15.6
40½	19	Ald Leis	24	...	...	15.6	7.6
177	155	Alpha Airpts	162	-2	...	3.1	∞
131	65	Baldwin	117	...	...	3.7	15.4
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	287	...	...	4.4	12.7
360	231	Boosey Hwks	360	+5	...	1.7	21.7
205	133	Border TV▲	190 †	...	...	2.6	15.9
7½	3½	Brent Walker	4	...	...	...	...
165	100	Bristol Scotts	165	-10	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	3	-½	...	...	...
74	41	Campari	44	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	395	...	...	2.0	34.8
1047	520	Carlton Comm	871 †	-7	...	2.8	19.2
356	248	Castle Comm▲	355	...	...	3.2	22.4
211	114	Chrysalis	211	...	3.2	1.9	...
374	305	Compass Gp	346	...	...	2.5	20.4
290	232	Eurocamp	286 †	...	9.9	4.3	11.8
213	118	Euro Disney	128	-3	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
435	308	Fairline Boats	426	...	...	3.5	29.8
350	262	First Leisure	259	+2	...	2.9	10.1
478	309	Flemech▲	417	+5	...	...	...
1033	675	GWR Gp▲	903 †	...	...	1.5	32.7
304	228	Grampian	304	+7	...	3.1	16.2
162	106	HTV Group	159	...	...	0.8	42.9
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	64	...	...	4.1	12.4
18½	11½	Kunick	13½	...	...	...	...
259	200	London Clubs	256	+9	...	5.8	13.0
702	539	Man Utd	664	...	...	3.8	26.8
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
57	34	Northern	52	...	...	2.4	10.0
130	81	Owners Abrd	104½	-1½	...	4.2	...
129½	65½	The Pelican Gp	94 †	...	...	1.5	∞
163	135	Prism Leisure▲	136 †	...	...	3.8	9.6
43	28	Quadrant Grp	28	...	...	1.2	...
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	275 †	...	...	2.0	41.4
628	395	Scot Radio▲	620	...	...	2.1	34.2
574	355	Scot TV	435	+1	...	3.6	23.9
40½	24	SelecTV▲	25½	...	...	...	...
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	334 †	+1	...	2.0	18.6
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
113	75	Tottenhm Hot	113	+1	...	2.2	43.2
182	85	Trans World▲	179	...	...	0.9	65.3
760	518	Ulster TV	623	+1	...	3.0	23.3
150	129	VCI	148	...	...	4.6	13.2
149	112	Vardon	134	+1	...	1.0	23.7
375	150	Yorkshire TV	351	...	...	...	...
129	110	Zetters Gp	127 †	...	...	8.4	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3709½	+15½	...	1.9	34.6
3156½	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3156½	-87½	...	2.9	17.1
6581½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6387½	-193½	...	3.6	18.8
36	27	Anglo Pac Res▲	27	-½	...	...	...
1512½	1259½	Ashanti	1259½	-15½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	300	+5	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	157½	-½	...	...	...
37	22½	Bracken	25½	+3½	...	3.5	71.6
898	589½	Buffels	627½	-1½	...	8.7	∞
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
932	745½	CRA	921	-11	...	2.3	28.8
55½	36	Cluff Res	49	...	...	...	...
121	28½	Coal Inv	121	+2	...	...	...
1750	16½	De Beers	1550	...	...	3.4	16.2
148	88	Deelkraal	99½	...	...	3.6	∞
74	30½	Doornfontein	64½	...	...	...	...
996	665½	Driefontein	981½	-14½	...	4.4	∞
928	549½	Durban	691½	-17½	...	...	...
178½	107	E Rand Gold	154½	-5½	...	11.6	5.7
122½	99½	E Rand Prop	70½	...	...	...	...
451½	300½	Elandsrand	450½	-1	...	3.6	10.3
1239	741½	FS Cons	993½	-2½	...	7.1	10.1
62	27	FS Dev	52	...	...	...	...
1900	1193½	GFSA	1800	+12½	...	2.1	∞
193	108½	Gencor	193	+2½	...	3.2	31.6
80½	57½	GM Kalgoorli	56½	-½	...	2.5	21.1
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	154½	-2½	...	5.8	∞
418½	319½	Harmony	418½	+15	...	...	...
430	268½	Hartles	354½	+2	...	6.0	∞
1446½	831½	Impala Plat	1368½	-18½	...	1.8	41.8
1315½	890½	Kinross	956½	-9½	...	3.1	∞
931½	568½	Kloof	929	-2½	...	3.5	∞
137	69½	Leslie	101½	-½	...	8.0	∞
335	176½	Loraine	302½	...	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	...
162	118	MIM	141	-4	...	1.7	59.5
1612½	1227	Minorco	1567½	-12½	...	2.4	19.0
201½	149½	Nth Brkn Hill	170	-2	...	3.1	25.1
899	790	RTZ	852	+8	...	3.0	24.3
425	187½	Rand Mines	425	+50	...	2.5	16.1
801½	547½	Randfontein	716	-9½	...	4.5	∞
296	207	Renison	232	-5	...	...	...
1531½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1431½	-3½	...	2.1	∞
756	539½	St Helena	647½	-1½	...	4.0	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1793½	-21½	...	4.9	20.6
232	73	Stilfontein	125½	-½	...	21.5	∞
160	90	Unisel	132 †	-½	...	3.4	∞
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	5809½	-46½	...	4.4	9.4
934½	508½	Western Areas	917	+1½	...	7.8	∞
3362½	2050	Western Deep	2709½	-15½	...	3.8	9.3
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	352 †	-6	...	1.5	...
1225	603½	Winkels	700 †	-3½	...	5.1	∞
66	50	Zambia Copper	58	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	53	...	...	9.5	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
132	108	Airflow Stream	132	...	3.0	2.8	19.9
175	127	Appleyard	127	...	...	5.4	22.4
405	305	Bletchley Mtr	308	...	...	4.0	12.5
286	180	Bostrom	286	+5	...	2.6	27.0
584	390	Br Aerospace	498	-2	...	2.1	43.7
57	42	Burndene	42 †	...	...	6.0	12.2
465	280	Caffyns	375	...	...	3.8	25.3
22	13½	Caverdale	18½	+½	...	1.0	18.5
130	98	Central Mtr▲	103 †	...	...	4.2	25.5
51	32½	Cook (DC)▲	42 †	...	...	7.0	∞
348	249	Cowie	252 †	+2	...	4.7	12.3
192½	127	Dag Motors	154	...	...	5.1	17.7
158	113	Davmgrt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	310	-3	...	0.8	...
234	220	Eurodollar	220	...	...	4.8	17.2
173	118	European Mtr	125 ↓	...	...	4.2	13.1
539½	399	Evans Halshaw	437 †	...	...	4.1	13.7
310	235	FR Group	296	-1	...	3.2	16.2
2359½	1806½	Ford Motor	1887½	-31½	...	...	...
4387½	3112½	General Mtr	3112½	-68½	...	1.7	...
90	60	Gowrings	75	...	...	3.3	...
342½	266½	Henlys	292	...	...	3.2	20.1
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1085½	-6½	...	0.4	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	51	...	...	...	17.7
184	145	Kwik-Fit	148	...	...	3.2	17.0
573	392	Lex Service	406 †	+6	...	4.1	15.5
282	162	Lookers	238 †	...	...	3.6	14.8
239	158	Lucas	193	...	...	4.5	...
29½	25	Malaya Grp	25 †	...	...	1.2	...
310	256	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.5	18.3
238	175	Perry Gp	200	...	...	4.4	11.0
218	156	Quicks Group	171	...	...	3.7	18.0
204	161	Rolls-Royce	199½	...	...	3.1	35.2
261	203	T & N	249	+1	...	5.4	28.4
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	333	...	...	2.3	24.1
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	183 †	-1	...	3.1	17.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	297	...	5.7	2.4	30.4
335	320	Black (A&C)	325	...	...	5.2	13.8
402	228	Blenheim Gp	239	-4	...	5.4	8.9
413	365	Bristol	374	...	...	4.1	25.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1399½	+6½	...	1.4	31.8
1484½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	1031½	+6½	...	1.8	24.1
314	260	Dorling Kind	309	-1	...	1.3	28.0
6712½	5381½	Elsevier	6356½	+53½	...	3.1	30.2
476	366½	EMAP	422	...	...	2.6	25.6
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1825	-15	...	2.8	32.1
194	32	Harrington K	40 †	+2	...	6.4	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	438	-2	...	2.0	24.7
408	340	Hodder H'line	363	...	...	1.8	57.5
180	120	Home Counts	150	+3	...	3.8	36.8
218	161	Intl Bus Comm	209	...	...	1.2	13.8
15	8	Int Cm & Data▲	9½	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	308	...	...	3.1	10.5
669	561	Johnstne Press	584	-2	7.0	1.5	21.5
110	43	MAID	68	-8	...	...	...
492	358	Metal Bulletn	479 †	...	...	2.9	24.0
177½	152	Midland Ind	161	...	...	2.2	32.0
203	123	Mirror Gp	146	+1	...	...	5.7
514½	382½	News Corp	430	+1	...	0.3	...
314	224	News Intl	257	...	...	0.7	15.2
735	570	Pearson	638	+8	...	2.5	32.8
760	670	Portsmth Sund	665	...	...	1.9	∞
964	734	Reed Int	789 †	-5	...	3.1	25.0
249	187	Southnews	226	+2	...	1.6	29.6
200	143	Sterling Pub▲	150	...	...	3.1	12.6
622	323	Telegraph	374	+6	...	4.3	13.6
895	695	Thomson Corp	715 †	...	30.1	5.3	35.7
472	394	Trinity Intl	410	+1	...	3.0	20.3
45	18½	Unit Group▲	37	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Nwspaprs	546	+1	...	5.0	15.0

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
38½	34½	Aran Energy	36	...	...	...	21.8
53	35	Arcon Intl▲	46	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	68½	-½	...	...	...
67	43	Ariva Pet	43	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	64.0
249	197	Br Borneo	222	+1	...	4.0	11.5
358	253	British Gas	298½	-3½	...	6.1	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	406 †	+½	...	2.6	22.2
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
805	811	Burmah Castrl	885	+2	...	3.9	18.6
84	56	Cairn Energy	80	...	...	...	44.1
375	261	Calor Gp	283	-3	...	5.5	14.5
51	33	Clyde Pet	40½	-1	...	...	...
30	14½	Coplex Res	16	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs▲	21	...	...	...	22.7
486	329	Enterprise	398	-1	...	5.0	24.7
28½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	6½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	71	-1	...	2.5	18.7
46	31	Gt Western Res	45	...	...	...	...
177	139	Hardy O & G	139	-3	...	0.9	17.8
55	40	Kelt Energy	48	...	...	3.5	...
169	110½	LASMO	155	...	...	0.8	...
73	53	-do- Units	59	...	9.4	20.0	...
75	55	Monument	70½	-½	...	...	57.6
7½	4½	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	46	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petronz	38½	+½	...	...	...
168	153	Pict Pet	160	...	...	...	...
111	100	Pittencrieff Rs	106	...	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	29½	-½	...	...	15.3
156	118	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	...
200	129	Ramco Esv▲	200	+3	...	0.3	...
463	325	Ranger	405	-5	...	5.1	...
7700	6691½	Royal Dtch Fl	7046½	+40½	...	4.6	19.3
4084½	3481½	Schlumberger	3637½	-40½	...	2.1	...
65	50	Seafield	62	...	...	...	...
756	651	Shell	718	+4	...	4.2	21.4
182	126	Sunrise Eng Sv	129	...	...	...	...
19	9½	Villers Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
232	178½	Woodside	223	-6	...	1.7	...
110	28	XCL	64	-8	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	145	AG Holdings	147	...	...	4.5	17.5
444	377	API	377	...	...	2.9	25.7
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	271	...	...	3.0	41.6
730	540	Abbott Mead	681	-2	...	1.9	36.3
31	17½	Aegis Gp	30½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Comms▲	170	...	1.9	3.6	∞
26	19	BBB Design▲	20	...	...	...	...
472	413	Bemrose	415	-1	...	3.5	14.9
13½	7½	Birkdale	8	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	163	-2	...	3.1	21.9
169	117½	CIA Gp	146 †	...	...	1.5	33.6
169	129	Capital Inds	163	-1	...	...	14.4
56	32	Chime Comm	32	-1	...	...	...
99	76	City of Lon▲	95	...	...	5.5	14.7
439	304	Cropper (Jmes)	324	...	...	1.4	16.3
114	80	Delyn Group	80	...	...	2.6	14.5
137	104	Dolphin Pack	118	...	...	4.6	15.2
93	71	Dudley Jenkns	72 †	...	...	5.7	15.9
17	12	Elswick	16½	...	...	3.5	16.2
101	75	Fairway Group▲	95 †	...	...	4.5	17.7
430	341	Ferguson Intl	341	-3	...	4.6	14.7
145	128	Ferry Pick	130	...	...	5.4	...
227	188	Filofax▲	205	+5	...	1.1	26.2
17½	8	Fitch	13	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons▲	139 †	...	...	4.9	15.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	180	...	...	3.7	∞
34	23	Goodhead	28	...	...	0.2	∞
30	9	Huntergrint	9	...	...	...	...
162	128	Interrurope	132	...	...	7.4	11.9
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	279	+1½	...	2.3	20.0
33½	22	Lopex	31	...	...	1.0	35.0
451	344	More O'Ferrall	353	...	...	4.7	20.4
420	230	Osborne & Little	430	...	...	1.5	15.3
60	32	O-prey Comms	38	-1	...	0.2	...
820	513	Portals	664	...	...	3.0	14.5
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
339	260	Quano	361	...	...	2.9	15.2
412	322	St Ives Gp	368	...	...	2.0	25.5
178	125	Saatchi	170	...	...	...	34.4
616½	464½	Sappi	790½	-21½	...	12.0	4.5
30½	18	Serif	21½	...	...	...	...
57	20½	Shandwick	46½	...	...	1.2	7.0
573	398	Smith David	565	-3	...	2.4	25.2
414	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	392	...	...	1.3	55.9
119	90	Somic	90	-2	...	3.5	∞
254	210	Star-Plus	217	...	...	5.1	20.6
34	25½	Taylor Nelson	34	...	...	1.7	23.4
161	118½	VTP	135	...	...	3.7	21.4
36½	25	WMGO	25½	...	...	...	12.5
129	63½	WPP	119	-1	...	1.1	∞
270	182	Wace	270	-16	...	1.9	36.1
291	209	Waddington (J)	229 ↓	+1	...	4.6	11.2
511	403	Watmough	422	-1	...	2.0	21.7
44	29	Whitney Mcke▲	39	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	127	...	...	2.2	19.4

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	99	Allied Lon	113	-1	...	4.0	15.2
46	36	Arcadian	40	...	...	...	...
268	253	Argent	268	...	...	...	...
10½	4	Ascot Hldgs	4	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	118½	-½	...	2.3	21.0
191	113	Avonside	135	...	...	3.9	15.9
2575	2093½	BCE▲	2176½	-31½	...	...	...
382½	256	Bilton	262	+2	...	4.6	19.1
106	72	Bourne End	93	...	...	1.3	...
276	200	Bradford	230	-8	...	3.7	15.5
22½	10	Bredero	10	...	...	...	7.3
474	360	Br Land	407 †	-4	...	2.3	39.3
137	121	Brighstone	121	...	...	3.9	27.4
276	179	Brixton	209	...	...	4.8	16.2
118	90½	Burford	102	-1	...	1.7	22.9
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl▲	157	...	...	1.2	61.9
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	214	-1	...	3.8	51.5
350	230	Cardiff Prop	303 †	...	...	1.0	67.6
185	152	Chelsfield	171	-1	...	1.8	42.2
678	534	Chesterfield	534	...	...	2.8	24.0
84	36	City Site Ests	65	...	...	...	...
12½	8	Clarke Nickolls	9	...	...	...	16.8
350	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
56	32	Conrad Rhlnt GS	40	...	...	...	...
1755	1458	Daejan	1510 †	...	...	2.4	17.6
25½	5	Dares Estates	11½	...	...	...	...
156	103	Debenhm Twsn	115 †	...	...	3.8	16.6
17	6	De Morgan	8½	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	169	...	...	2.4	47.5
347½	263	Derwent Hldgs	268	+1	...	2.1	23.9
41	22½	Development Sec	22½	...	...	...	...
51	45	Dwyer	50	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	415 †	...	...	3.2	50.1
47	18	Estates Gen	26½	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	119 †	...	...	2.7	20.6
43½	27	Ex-Lands	31	...	...	1.4	...
80	68	Fiscal Prop	69	...	...	...	...
37	24	Five Oaks	26½	...	...	0.9	...
78	64	Fletcher King	64 †	...	...	2.9	∞
576	407	Frogmore	439	-1	...	4.6	19.3
325	228	Grainger	272	-1	...	2.5	48.6
260	174	Gr Portland	202	...	...	5.0	38.5
22½	12½	Greycoat	15	...	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	156	-3	...	0.5	∞
96	43	Hambro Cntys	54½	...	...	1.7	55.4
435	329	Hammerson	344	...	...	3.6	34.5
340	298	Helical Bar	306	-1	...	2.0	14.6
40½	29½	Hemingway	33	...	...	1.5	56.7
78	37	Herring Baker	52	...	...	3.6	...
315	138	Jermyn	165	...	...	...	33.2
702	588	Land Sec	652	...	...	3.6	18.5
122	89	Lon Merch Sec	94 †	...	...	5.6	13.5
16	9	Lon & Metro	10	...	...	...	0.5
562	409	MEPC	453	-3	...	5.5	26.1
13½	6½	McInerney A	8½	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	185 †	...	...	3.5	∞
87	59	Merivale Mre	75	...	...	...	...
55	32	Moorfield Est	34	...	...	3.2	...
1425	1200	Mountview	1225	...	...	2.3	13.2
196	154	Mucklow (A&J)	164	...	...	4.7	23.5
59	32	OEM	33	...	...	...	...
64	37½	Olives Prop	39	...	...	...	14.8
191	145	PSIT	162 †	...	...	3.6	22.9
399	290	Peel	259 †	...	...	2.2	∞
12½	4½	Power Corp	5½	...	...	...	...
9½	5	Premier Land	6	...	...	...	...
53	32	Raglan	33½	...	...	...	12.3
40	27	Regalian	27½	...	...	...	10.4
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	175	...	...	1.3	11.1
134	115	Rugby Est	115	...	...	2.4	...
65	45	St Modwen Prp	51 †	...	...	2.9	12.7
78	59	Saville Grdn (I)	62½	...	...	3.6	∞
100	79	Savills	80 †	...	...	3.5	∞
108	82	Scot Met	85	...	...	2.3	...
135	105	Shaftesbury	105	-2	...	...	...
17	8	Shield	9½	...	...	...	4.5
372	221	Slough Estates	259	+2	...	3.9	42.5
103	63	Southend Prop	67 †	...	...	4.5	∞
50	25	Stanhope Prps▲	25	...	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	38½	...	...	...	2.1
244	182	Tops Ests	189 †	...	...	1.5	45.0
163	119	Town Centre	122	...	...	3.6	21.8
107	91	Trafford Park	93	...	...	3.9	21.4
56	38	UK Land	43	...	...	...	...
317	231	Warner	277 †	...	...	5.9	22.8
260	218	Warnford	230 †	...	...	4.2	19.0
7½	1½	Waterglade	3	...	...	...	...
103½	67	Wates	70	...	...	...	...
105	70	Wood John D▲	80 †	...	...	3.1	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic▲	41	...	...	...	...
173	165	Chamb Phipps	170	...	...	5.4	22.5
202½	148	Lambert	148	...	...	6.3	6.5
75	53	Pittards	72	+2	...	1.7	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher▲	19	...	...	6.6	13.0
250	227	Stylo	242 †	...	...	2.1	27.2
69	50½	UK Safety	51	...	...	6.4	10.7

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	486	Allied Tex	488 †	...	...	3.4	15.0
71	54	Beckman (A)	54	...	...	6.3	11.6
39½	16	Bolton Gp	18 †	...	...	...	...
17½	5½	Brackenbridge▲	9½	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	190	...	...	5.6	25.5
385	292	Claremont Gs	317	+2	...	3.2	16.7
593	451	Courtauld Tex	503	-2	...	3.5	20.1
159½	119	Dawson	145 ↓	-5	...	2.6	...
42	31	Drummond	32	...	...	...	14.2
80	72	Faupel▲	74 †	...	...	8.3	12.5
29	24	Foster (John)	24	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	140	...	...	3.6	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	28	...	...	9.0	11.5
254	222	Hicking Pntcst	254	+3	...	2.3	18.0
73	55	Jerome (S)	62	...	...	1.0	31.4
485	368	Lamont	394	...	...	4.0	15.1
340	265	Leeds	296	+3	...	2.5	15.1
101	68	Lyles (S)	84	...	...	4.1	...
366	190	Parkland	205	-1	...	3.0	12.2
112	80	Readicut	84	...	...	5.1	14.4
70	47	SEET	47	...	...	...	...
146	100	Sirdar	108	...	...	6.3	7.5
64	50	Stirling Gp	61 †	...	...	3.9	∞
46	34	Stoddard	35	...	...	5.7	13.2
330	252	Tomkinsons	252	-1	...	5.7	25.7
49	34	West Trust	38	-1	...	8.8	25.0
289	239	Yorklyde	280	...	...	2.7	13.6

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	422 †	+4	...	6.1	11.0
489	337	Rothmans	393 †	+9	...	4.2	20.9

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	283	-2	...	2.1	27.0
541½	440	BAA	514	+7	...	2.2	21.9
129	103½	Badgerline	115	...	...	4.5	...
490½	367	Br Airways	398	-1	...	3.5	12.5
106	75	Clarkson (H)	87	...	...	2.5	21.9
592½	239	Eurotunnel Uts	288	-2	...	...	...
67	55	Fisher (James)	55	...	...	...	...
155	136½	Iohl Steam	147	...	...	3.7	11.2
63	39	Jacobs (J)	48	...	...	4.3	...
111	92	Lon O'seas Frts	93	...	...	5.2	21
534	410	Mersey Docks	434	...	...	2.6	21.7
336	245	Natl Express	330	+2	...	2.6	30.5
291	179	NFC	185½	-14½	...	4.8	26.3
348	246	Ocean Group	268	-1	...	6.7	13.2
91	58	Ocean Wilson	80	...	...	5.0	10.3
743	597	P & O Dfd	685	-7	...	5.6	24.4
189	153	P & O 5 1/2%	188	+2	...	3.7	...
706	549	Powell Duffryn	593	...	...	5.1	17.5
102	54	Seacon▲	85	...	...	3.4	19.2
206	156	Stagecoach	198	...	...	1.6	∞
129	85½	TNT	124	-1	...	...	...
915	803	Tibbet & Britn	855	...	14.2	2.1	25.0
79	27	Tiphook	35	+3	...	...	...
327	217	TDG	236	-1	...	5.3	15.0
132	98	Ugland	121 †	...	...	0.6	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	102	...	...	...	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian Water	571 †	+4	...	5.0	14.8
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	296	...	...	4.9	10.0
751	508	Northumbrian	725 †	-2	...	4.2	7.6
611	454	North West	561 †	+4	...	5.0	8.7
645	457	Severn Trent	599 †	+1	...	4.7	8.4
682	466	Sthrn Water	606 †	+5	...	4.7	6.6
1673	1525	Sth Staffs	1673	...	...	3.9	11.1
675	484	South West	530 †	+1	...	6.0	7.8
611	434½	Thames Water	546 †	+1	...	5.2	9.4
744	546	Welsh Water	674 †	-9	...	4.7	7.4
790½	551	Wessex Water	665 †	-7	...	4.4	6.6
630	458	Yorkshire W	575 †	+11	...	5.0	8.7

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ▲ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103[7]/₁₆	100[7]/₁₆	Treas 9% 1994	100[7]/₁₆	...	8.93	5.32
107½	102½	Treas 12% 1995	102½	...	11.69	5.61
98¼	97¼	Gas 3% 1990-95	98¼	...	3.05	5.44
105[5]/₁₆	103[5]/₁₆	Exch 10¼% 1995	103[5]/₁₆	...	9.92	6.38
113½	106[5]/₁₆	Treas 12¾% 1995	106[5]/₁₆	...	11.93	6.80
117[3]/₁₆	109¼	Treas 14% 1996	109¼	...	12.82	7.00
121[5]/₁₆	112[3]/₁₆	Treas 15¼% 1996	112[5]/₁₆	-⅛	13.57	7.28
117[5]/₁₆	109½	Exch 13¼% 1996	109½	-⅛	12.11	7.35
112½	104[5]/₁₆	Conv 10% 1996	104[7]/₁₆	-⅛	9.57	7.71
121[3]/₁₆	111[3]/₁₆	Treas 13¼% 1997	111[3]/₁₆	-⅛	11.88	7.84
114½	105[5]/₁₆	Exch 10½% 1997	105[5]/₁₆	-⅛	9.95	7.97
110[7]/₁₆	101[5]/₁₆	Treas 8¾% 1997	101[5]/₁₆	-⅛	8.62	8.17
131[5]/₁₆	118[5]/₁₆	Exch 15% 1997	118[5]/₁₆	-⅛	12.68	8.28
114[3]/₁₆	103[5]/₁₆	Exch 9¾% 1998	103[5]/₁₆	...	9.38	8.37
108½	98[5]/₁₆	Treas 7¼% 1998	98[5]/₁₆	...	7.51	8.34
102	94[3]/₁₆	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94[5]/₁₆	...	7.12	8.38
131½	116[5]/₁₆	Treas 14% 1998-01	116[5]/₁₆	...	11.97	8.57
140[7]/₁₆	123½	Treas 15½% 1998	123[5]/₁₆	-⅛	12.51	8.43
125[3]/₁₆	111½	Exch 12% 1998	111[5]/₁₆	-⅛	10.73	8.57
116[5]/₁₆	103½	Treas 9½% 1999	103½	...	9.20	8.54

BRITISH FUNDS

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101[5]/₁₆	89[5]/₁₆	Treas 6% 1999	90½ †	-⅛	6.65	8.44
128½	113½	Exch 12¼% 1999	113½ †	...	10.81	8.67
121¼	106½	Treas 10½% 1999	107[5]/₁₆	+⅛	9.81	8.63
121[3]/₁₆	105½	Conv 10¼% 1999	106½	...	9.64	8.70
116½	101½	Conv 9% 2000	101[5]/₁₆ †	...	8.87	8.65
136[5]/₁₆	118½	Treas 13% 2000	118½	-⅛	10.96	8.84
106½	90½	Treas 7% 2001	91½	-⅛	7.68	8.66
122½	104½	Treas 10% 2001	105½ †	...	9.47	8.82
123½	103½	Treas 9¾% 2002	105 †	...	9.29	8.85
113[5]/₁₆	94½	Treas 8% 2003	95[5]/₁₆	-⅛	8.38	8.74
127½	106[5]/₁₆	Treas 10% 2003	107½ †	+⅛	9.33	8.84
129[7]/₁₆	110½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111½ †	-⅛	10.28	9.05
86½	71½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72½	+⅛	4.84	7.51
105½	85[5]/₁₆	Treas 6¾% 2004	87½	+⅛	7.74	8.64
125½	103	Conv 9½% 2004	104[5]/₁₆	+⅛	9.09	8.80
125½	103½	Conv 9½% 2005	105	+⅛	9.05	8.76
143½	119[5]/₁₆	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120[5]/₁₆	+⅛	10.34	9.10
111½	93½	Treas 8% 2002-06	94½	+⅛	8.48	8.75
112[5]/₁₆	91½	Treas 7¾% 2006	93½ †	+⅛	8.32	8.77
136½	113½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115½	+⅛	10.21	9.12
119½	96[5]/₁₆	Treas 8½% 2007	98½	+⅛	8.62	8.66
151½	125½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129[5]/₁₆ †	+⅛	10.56	9.10
124[5]/₁₆	101	Treas 9% 2008	102[5]/₁₆	+⅛	8.76	8.64

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115½	93	Treas 8% 2009	94½ †	+⅛	8.45	8.63
126[5]/₁₆	101½	Conv 9% 2011	103[5]/₁₆	+⅛	8.70	8.59
127½	101½	Treas 9% 2012	103[5]/₁₆	+⅛	8.68	8.58
93½	72½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73½ †	+⅛	7.48	8.35
114½	91½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92½	+⅛	8.39	8.52
117[5]/₁₆	92½	Treas 8% 2013	94½ †	+⅛	8.43	8.54
159½	127½	Exch 12% 2013-17	130	+⅛	9.23	8.75
128½	99[5]/₁₆	Treas 8¾% 2017	102½ †	+⅛	8.56	8.51

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54[5]/₁₆	39[5]/₁₆	War Ln 3½%	40[5]/₁₆	+⅛	8.55	...
37½	27[5]/₁₆	Treas 2½%	28[5]/₁₆	-⅛	8.78	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203½	197[5]/₁₆	Treas IL 2% 1996	199[5]/₁₆ †	+⅛	2.43	3.74
113½	106½	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107½	+⅛	2.63	3.44
176½	163½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165½ †	+⅛	3.27	3.70
173½	159½	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161½	+⅛	3.40	3.74
118½	107½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	108[5]/₁₆	+⅛	3.38	3.71
184[5]/₁₆	165½	Treas IL 2% 2006	168½	+⅛	3.47	3.72
168½	149½	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152[5]/₁₆	+⅛	3.53	3.75
175½	154½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157[5]/₁₆	+⅛	3.56	3.77
146½	128½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130[5]/₁₆	+⅛	3.58	3.77
157½	134½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138[5]/₁₆	+⅛	3.61	3.79
152½	128½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133	+⅛	3.66	3.80
129½	108½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110[5]/₁₆	+⅛	3.63	3.77
128[5]/₁₆	105½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109[5]/₁₆	+⅛	3.67	3.61

Dispatches from darkest Africa

The horror of news from Rwanda and Zaire is brought daily to our sitting rooms. But how do the reporters cope? **Sue Saville** spent five days there

There was something in the air as soon as we climbed down the makeshift ladder from the cargo hold of the British Red Cross aid flight *onto the runway at Goma* airfield in Zaire — something acrid in the night wind, something unsmelt before. Within half an hour, I was in a four-wheel drive heading for a briefing from the Red Cross director of operations, when I discovered what it was — the stench of rotting bodies. They lay as they had expired — sad bundles littering the roadside, the shape of someone sleeping, only not.

"You'll soon get used to it," said Vanya Kewley, the Red Cross liaison officer, "though try not to breathe too deeply."

At the briefing, behind high metal gates patrolled by armed guards, the scale of the problem was outlined — the need for a thousand tonnes of water a day for the 350,000 people in Kibumba camp alone — just one of the dozens of refugee camps pitched on the outskirts of Goma; the continual threat of cholera and the increasing problem of dysentery; the desperate need for food and medicines.

The next morning Vanya, herself a seasoned television reporter, advised the media on the day's events. "You're on camera, Sue. Wear a headscarf and take it off at the *last minute. And take some* moist wipes for your face."

I didn't have a headscarf, so soon after arriving at Kibumba camp, my hair was thick with fetid filth. Vanya was right on both points — just before a piece to camera in front of a bulldozer tipping hundreds of bodies into a burial pit, I wiped two white rivulets from a face blackened by the dust spewed up as the bulldozer released its grisly grasp of dangling bodies into the pile below.

I was not ashamed to shed tears at my first sight of such inhuman indecency; only ashamed, perhaps, that some hours later, at a similar scene, I could not. Anaesthetised, inured, whatever — maybe it's the only way to cope.

People wonder how reporters can go into such a situaton and keep eating, drinking, keep well, when so many around are dying. It seems monumentally insensitive. Yet, as the aid agencies told us, if we go down with dehydration, with cholera, with dysentery, we will only add to their already immense, and practically impossible task. There are no spare resources for us — we have a job to do *informing the world, and* must fend for ourselves. And so we come prepared with tropical jabs, rehydration salts, bottles of water and tins of sardines, which we take in our tents morning and evening.

Germaine Greer argued in *The Guardian* last month, that "the media are involved in a revolting orgy" by covering the Rwandan tragedy, and insisted that only a "secular, professional disaster brigade" could hope to address such calamities. But if the media don't tell the world what is happening, if respected writers can't fill outraged, self-righteous column inches with headlines including such buzzwords as "parasites", then the motivation to set up such a force will simply not be there.

After a day walking around the sprawling refugee camp at Kibumba, the filth had penetrated every crevice; my walking boots, essential on the rough volcanic rock, were covered in human faeces and the dust of dead bodies. I could not bring myself to allow this dreadful smell into our small tent, and left them just outside, trusting in the barbed wire around our encampment, and the French soldiers on guard.

In the morning my boots were gone. My attempt to buy them back nearly succeeded, but negotiations in French with the children who stole them broke down when they insisted I hand over the dollars first and they promised then to bring back the boots from the man they sold them to. I left Goma with my cameraman, a photographer and our driver-interpreter in a hired car.

Once we had crossed the border and made our way to Rwanda's capital, Kigali, we pitched our tent in the grounds of a convent where eleven nuns and eight priests had been slaughtered in April. There was an air of death hanging over this place. A bloodied hand-print dragged down the white-washed wall. Room 28 still displayed the terrible aftermath of where the nuns were shot and bludgeoned to death. Blood sprayed on the walls and ceiling, matted bed covers, a slipper, bullets, a Bible. By the gate of the convent was half a body, from the waist down. The RPF guards took no notice of it; we tried not to.

There were other media at the convent. The Americans are well-organised, born campers — they'd hitched some sort of shower with buckets and a rope; they bring their west-coast music on battery-powered CDs; they eat off tables with tropical flowers among their tins. The British media are more like the Girl Guides, making do — Kate Adie tells stories by the flickering flames of a camp fire.

In the darkness, I tiptoed off into the woods. There is no sanitation; this is still effectively a war zone. Only the next morning, did I discover that there were live mortars lying around by the rough track.

The rats and dogs are well fed — there are enough corpses around; but still the sound of scratching, screeching creatures scuttling outside the tent, made me curl up, pulling my toes from the edge of the canvas. The dogs howled terrifyingly, then suddenly a shot rang out, a second, a third — and then, the whimpering howls as one of them is quietened for good.

After five days in Africa, I hitched a lift out of Kigali on an empty German aid flight, a C130 heading back to Nairobi. How bizarre it was to be able to leave this place, to get out of Africa and return to our comfortable world, leaving behind what Germaine Greer calls, "the pornography of war, genocide, destitution and disease". But our reporting through Reuters on GMTV has already directly raised tens of thousands of pounds for the aid efforts in Rwanda and the refugee camps of Zaire; those who report and those who are moved to action by it at least feel they have contributed something to the relief of human suffering.

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Framed: two refugee children sit surrounded by death

What males goggle at

DESMOND Morris would no doubt have a suitably behaviourist explanation for it. Male TV viewers in the C1C2 socio-economic groups show a strong preference for ITV, while those in the AB groups favour BBC1. *Alexandra Frean writes.*

The Times ratings chart (right) shows, for example, that Morris's own documentary on BBC1, *The Human Animal*, was far more popular with those at the top of the socio-economic tree than with those nearer the bottom.

Similarly, the BBC's *Nine O'Clock News* is favoured by the ABs (upper management and professional workers) while the C1s and C2s (clerical supervisory and skilled manual staff) prefer *News at Ten*.

THE TIMES TV TOP 20: MEN'S VIEWING

TOP 10 "AB" MEN

August 1 to 7, 1994

	Programme	Date	Chan	Genre	Audience (Millions) All 4+	AB	C1C2
1	Coronation Street	Mon	ITV	Soap	15.83	0.78	2.59
2	The Human Animal	Wed	BBC1	Documentary	6.51	0.70	1.59
3	Chandler & Co	Tues	BBC1	Drama Series	7.90	0.68	1.71
4	Wycliffe	Sun	ITV	Drama Series	9.62	0.63	1.75
5	Nine O'Clock News	Tue	BBC1	News	5.84	0.61	1.30
6	Eastenders	Tues	BBC1	Soap	12.80	0.61	2.47
7	News and Weather	Sun	BBC1	News	6.40	0.61	1.34
8	Raw Deal	Sat	BBC1	Film	7.29	0.57	1.96
9	News, Sport and Weather	Sat	BBC1	News	8.42	0.55	1.49
10	The Bill	Thur	ITV	Drama Serial	10.63	0.55	1.85

TOP 10 "C1C2" MEN

1	Coronation Street	Mon	ITV	Soap	15.83	0.78	2.59
2	Eastenders	Tue	BBC1	Soap	12.80	0.61	2.47
3	The Bill	Tue	ITV	Drama Serial	11.23	0.52	2.06
4	Raw Deal	Sat	BBC1	Film	7.29	0.57	1.96
5	World In Action	Mon	ITV	Current Affairs	8.79	0.61	1.77
6	Wycliffe	Sun	ITV	Drama Series	9.62	0.63	1.75
7	Chandler & Co	Tue	BBC1	Drama Series	7.90	0.68	1.71
8	News At Ten	Wed	ITV	ITN	7.85	0.54	1.65
9	Tough Guys	Wed	ITV	Film	8.72	0.44	1.62
10	Take Your Pick	Tue	ITV	Game Show	9.29	0.38	1.60

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Another right royal gaffe

Has Lord McGregor, the PCC chief, put his foot in it for the last time?

The latest saga in the publicly private life of the Princess of Wales prompts a number of intriguing questions about the role of the press and how the story emerged. Who leaked the details to the *News of the World* about the nuisance telephone calls made from Kensington Palace to the art dealer Oliver Hoare? Why did the leak occur some eight months after the calls are said to have stopped?

But as fascinating as the answers might be to these, and many other questions, they are not as pressing and ultimately important as the one that centres on the conduct of Baron McGregor of Durris, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission (PCC).

Why did this supposedly impartial man appear on BBC radio without having briefed himself fully and prior to any possible inquiry by the PCC to declare that there had not been a breach of the industry's code of practice?

By any standards this was a remarkable rush to judgment. By Lord McGregor's standards, however, it has become a lamentable habit. It was his third major lapse involving stories about the Princess. His first mistake was in June 1992, when *The Sunday Times* began its serialisation of Andrew Morton's book *Diana: Her True Story*.

Almost before the ink had dried on the paper's initial print-run, Lord McGregor launched an attack on both Morton and the newspaper's editor, Andrew Neil. Once it was discovered that Morton had received the Princess's tacit approval, Lord McGregor was forced to withdraw his statement.

Then, last November, when the *Daily* and *Sunday Mirror* published sneak photographs of the Princess in a gym, Lord McGregor got himself into more trouble, appearing on television to denounce the newspapers before holding an inquiry into how the pictures were obtained.

Lord McGregor was roundly criticised for this injudicious behaviour but, sadly, it has not prevented a third breach of neutrality. The only difference is that this time he has defended the newspaper.

When questioned on Radio 4's *Today* programme on Monday, he managed to be emphatic about the editors' code of practice not having been broken, in spite of admitting that he had not even read the *News of the World's* minutely detailed report. He then compounded his error by saying: "I had no machinery for obtaining copies of the *News of the World* throughout the hours of darkness on a Sunday night."

The idea that the chairman of the newspaper industry's watchdog could not obtain a copy of Britain's largest circulation paper more than 24 hours after it had been published beggars belief.

But the significant factor was, as before, Lord McGregor's readiness to speak out in public before carrying out a full investigation. MPs hostile to the press were quick to seize on the damage this does to the fragile credibility of the PCC. It is particularly sensitive given that the Government's White Paper on privacy and the press is due to be published in the autumn.

It is known that a leading firm of headhunters is already seeking a replacement for Lord McGregor, but they do not need to look far for an eminently suitable candidate: the PCC's privacy commissioner, Professor Robert Pinker.

He was appointed at the beginning of the year specifically to counter criticisms of Lord McGregor and the PCC. Since then, the London School of Economics academic has stayed out of the limelight and proved an effective defender of self-regulation. Even he, however, cannot prevent Lord McGregor from himself.

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VISUAL ART: Exhibitions in Manchester, Kendal and Nottingham; London round-up

Talent goes a long way

John Russell Taylor on Manchester seen through the eyes of a French painter, and the changing face of a remarkable British self-portraitist

London today seems often to miss out on the sort of show which, not so long ago, one might have seen in the Royal Academy's old Diploma Galleries, at the Whitechapel, or in one of the long-gone smaller galleries available to the old Arts Council. Now, the interested Londoner has to go to Sheffield or Brighton or Llandudno to see them. In principle that may be a healthy shock for metropolitan perceptions; in practice it constitutes a real loss.

Exhibitions with a strong regional interest are too often assumed to be of little interest outside the region in question. Take, for example, **Adolphe Valette: A French Influence in Manchester**. The title justifies the show's place in the schedules of Manchester City Art Gallery, but also appears strictly to circumscribe it. Unfairly so, as it turns out. Valette (1876-1942) was a French painter of, as one might expect in his generation, strongly Impressionist sympathies, who spent most of his maturity in Manchester and is known to fame, if at all, as L.S. Lowry's teacher.

> "Valette seems to have had a genius for being in the wrong place at the wrong time"

But what emerges from this show is that he was also on his own account a powerfully individual painter, whose Manchester landscapes of 1908-1914 have a quality which would surely have gained him an international reputation if he had been based anywhere else.

Valette seems, in worldly terms, to have had a genius for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. He was born in St Etienne, picked up what formal training he had there and in Lyons, worked in Lyons and Bordeaux (never in Paris) and came to Manchester in 1905, according to Lowry as a textile designer. He became master of painting and drawing at Manchester School of Art in 1906, and stayed there until he retired in 1928. When he died in Beaujolais during the war, his passing was hardly noticed.

His style is wholly personal. Though he admired Monet greatly, his brand of Impressionism is closer to that of Whistler, with its subtle feeling for the twilit mists of the canal and distant lamps gleaming through the fog. Partly because of the urban subject-matter, he also sometimes suggests the Camden Town School.

From this show we discover that some of Valette's earliest work could be by Vuillard, that he was a skilful portraitist, and that he retained his love of light and colour even when he retired far from the fogs of Lancashire.

We can also see what a good teacher he must have been from examples of his students' work. We can even make the — on the face of it, improbable — connection with Lowry, noting how Lowry's dark-clad, bowler-hatted men with their backs to the spectator also crop up amid Valette's iridescent mists. Shaping Lowry undoubtedly is a claim to fame, but Valette has much more than that to offer.

Edgar Holloway has no similar regional connection. Though originally from the North, he has moved around a lot and most of his career has centred on London galleries. The show **Edgar Holloway at 80**, which is now in Kendal, has been in Aberystwyth and Hove, and goes on to Sheffield, but comes to London only in a reduced version, at The Gallery, 28 Cork Street for ten days from October 18.

Holloway, as the show demonstrates, is a fine watercolourist and even, when he wishes, painter in oils; but he is known primarily for his prints.

He is one of the last survivors among artists who found fame in the great print revival of the Twenties, when such as Graham Sutherland and Robin Tanner discovered Samuel Palmer and launched into their own brand of etched visionary landscape. Holloway also has that string to his bow, but his most extraordinary works have been the long series of self-portraits from 17 to 70.

Handsome and fine-drawn in youth as in age, Holloway has, uniquely for a British artist, been as constant and unsparing in his scrutiny of his own features as Beckmann or Dix. The results are fascinating taken one by one, but when seen, as here, all together along with related paintings and drawings, they are remarkably impressive. The gifts of the young genius who took the world by storm in his teens have clearly lost none of their cutting edge.

The Picturesque Landscape is a different kind of loss from the London scene. It is the sort of show one could possibly imagine at Kenwood or the RIBA's Heinz Gallery, but which seldom arrives at either. Scholarly yet eminently accessible, it marks an anniversary which is unlikely to capture any headlines: the bicentenary of the publication of two important works in the evolution of taste, Uvedale Price's *An Essay on the Picturesque* and Richard Payne Knight's *The Landscape: A Didactic Poem*.

These were events of national, even international significance, but no doubt the exhibition owes its current venue, the University of Nottingham Art Gallery, and its previous, Hereford City Art Gallery to the chance that both writers were landowners in Herefordshire and had strong connections with Sherwood Forest and Colearton.

All the relevant books are present in first editions, and there are letters and other documents to fill in the background. But the charm of the show comes from its extensive collection of drawings and watercolours illustrating the ideas of both theorists as they put them into practice on their own estates.

Though they thought they were going back to nature (they often disapproved of the famous landscape gardeners of the period for manicuring nature too thoroughly) their ideas are indissolubly linked with the tastes of the late 18th century, and do not look very natural to us today. Therein lies much of the pleasure to be derived from the show or the original landscapes; we are placed in a time capsule and whisked off to *autres temps, autres moeurs*. They are not necessarily better or worse than our own, but there is delight in the difference.

● Adolphe Valette *is at Manchester City Art Gallery, Morley Street, Manchester (061-236 5244) Mon-Sat 10am-4.45pm, Sunday 2-4.45pm, until Sept 4*
● Edgar Holloway at 80 *is at Abbot Hall Art Gallery and Museum, Kendal, Cumbria (0539 722464) Mon-Sat 10.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until Sept 3*
● The Picturesque Landscape *continues at the University of Nottingham Art Gallery, the Arts Centre, University Park, Nottingham (0602 513189) Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-6pm, Sunday, Bank Holiday Mon 2-5pm, until Sept 4*









Bailey Bridge, Manchester, painted in 1912 by the French painter, Adolphe Valette, from the exhibition at Manchester City Art Gallery (left); three from Edgar Holloway's series of self-portraits: No 1, aged 16 (top right), No 16, "Prospect of America" (centre), and No 22 "The Afghan Hat"

Three grid paintings by Mondrian, made in 1927, sit together at Annely Juda looking astonishingly fresh, fascinating and distinct from each other. Alongside, a number of paintings by Moholy Nagy show a greater physical playfulness and are more oddly gentle and tentative than work normally associated with this artist. Such optimistic representations of flight and movement look almost decorative today. Entitled "Line and Movement", this mixed historical exhibition is an unacademic mixture of work by famous and less well-known artists. It is hardly surprising, though, how good these early geometric paintings and sculptures look in this space. The design of many contemporary galleries is still based on ideas propounded by these artists and their followers.
Annely Juda Fine Art, 23 Dering St, London W1R 9AA (071-629 7578) until Sept 17

☐ APART from the rather more "painterly" contribution from Sam Reveles, who drags muted, almost sepia-like colours dryly across the canvas to create a rasping criss-cross pattern with strange scale, the main body of work in the Lisson Gallery's show is of monochrome and apparently flat paintings. Jason Martin moves paint of the same colour from one side of the canvas to the other. His smaller paintings look good until they become too obviously about the procedure itself, with a large gap or margin left at the side of the canvas. Robert Hunter's paintings are about layering, perfection and the time spent applying numerous layers of pearly monochrome onto acrylic tiles. The effect is of inlaid oriental fancy work and ready-made kitchens. Alex Landrum moulds single words out of evenly single-coloured formica to make a monosyllabic braille for the sighted.
Lisson Gallery, 67 Lisson Street, London NW1 5DA (071-724 2739) until Sept 3

☐ IT IS difficult to know how to look at paintings by Qanna, the Ethiopian artist who died, young, only three years ago. The tendency to consider this work as timeless is conditioned by ideas we have of naive art and by the fact that some paintings were made to be altar cloths. The paintings have a strong strip cartoon narrative and carry a lot of description. A battle scene will show row upon row of people, each face upturned and looking the same way. There is strong outline drawing in red, with colouring of dull, subtle browns and purples. As well as being a painter, Qanna used to take many photographs. Perhaps the level of attention to detail — a woman carrying water, a man having his hair done, a running river — represents the logical combination of photographic observation with the methods and rules of early Ethiopian art.
Rebecca Hossack, 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 9LF. 071-434 4401 until Saturday

AROUND THE GALLERIES

☐ A SELECTION of previous works by Jane Mulfinger is on display at the back of the Mayor Gallery. A number of glass casts taken from pairs of real shoes are arranged as if frozen, mid-dance or mid-shuffle. A mass of brightly coloured clothes arranged over the top of the skylight give the impression of stained glass, with the darker double layers of sewing appearing like lead in between. Along the walls there is an arrangement of text and small transparencies of pictures of views with trees. Mulfinger's intention to put ordinary and "everyday" things into disquieting situations and an unsettling relationship to each other can't really be achieved here in this gallery. Called "Caught in Passing", this is much more of a survey of past thoughts, installations and commissions rather than a coherent show in itself.
The Mayor Gallery, 22a Cork Street, W1. 071-734 3558 to Sept 2

☐ SARAH Lucas has made an undecorative adjustable mobile out of a photograph of herself which has been enlarged, laser copied, cut out and suspended by pieces of fishing line from chrome tubing. The result is large and, though flimsy, dominates the regular square space at White Cube. In the photograph Lucas stares out from an old armchair, her face almost expressionless. The edge around chair, boot, head and background bucket has been cut, and each shape backed by reflective silver card slightly thicker than that which forms the lids of takeaway meal containers.

This gives the impression, as it gently twirls in the breeze, of alternating volumes, the reflective side empty and the other side full. There is a matter of fact quality to the work. Lucas, celebrated or notorious for making no concessions in her language and subject-matter, comes up with a result that seems truly perfunctory when she applies that approach to herself.
White Cube, 44 Duke Street SW1 (071-930 5373) to Sept 10

SACHA CRADDOCK

TELEVISION

Not as nice as he looks

Few countries provoke such an anguished search for comfort about its intentions among Westerners as China. The smallest sign which might indicate that democracy is about to break out, or that Peking really does play by the rules of international commerce, are seized upon, especially in Washington. In London the continued belief lingers that there will be a change of heart and that, come 1997, Hong Kong will be allowed to begin to democratise.

Periodically, Deng Xiaoping has been given this self-deceiving rose-tinted image. Surely this grandfatherly man with his two devoted daughters is as inoffensive as he is panda-looking? Was it not the army that was responsible for the killings around Tiananmen Square?

Julian O'Halloran's portrait, **The People's Dictator** (BBC2, last night), broadcast to coincide with his 90th birthday, was a useful reminder of Deng's extraordinary record as a survivor of what is arguably the world's toughest political culture, and of the real mettle of this tough and vengeful individual. Deng may well be promoting capitalism with Chinese characteristics today. But he was the driving force behind Mao's great anti-rightist witch-hunt, and helped in the purge of half a million of them.

Despite their closeness at the time of the Long March and Deng's military contribution with 15 years spearheading the Communists' campaign, Mao still saw fit to send Deng off to work in the countryside when he became too powerful for his liking. But, according to O'Halloran, Deng is now getting his own back on Mao with some judicious leaking to recent authors about his frolicking with young women in later life. Chinese historians could well judge Mao leniently on that score, but they may be less sympathetic to the China his successor is creating.

That Deng is putting his personal stamp on a new China is beyond question. That is a fact which Britain's negotiators on Hong Kong know well. His conviction that the Chinese economy must be given full rein has clearly helped to maintain a kind of stability that has stopped China from breaking up in the wake of the nationwide protests at the time of Tiananmen.

But Deng's version of capitalism has so far stressed economic reform without political change. It has led to corruption on a scale not seen since before the Communist reforms that Deng helped to introduce. The central authorities are losing vast amounts of tax revenue as the more prosperous parts of the country find it more profitable to ignore the government.

Deng might be better advised to spend less time trying to take revenge for past wrongs over Hong Kong and pay more attention to protecting his own historical legacy. Unchecked, Deng's China might soon descend once again into the sort of chaotic warlordism that he spent so much of his political career reforming.

DAVID WATTS

RADIO: The arts are poorly served by television, writes **Peter Barnard**

Sound has clearer vision

Last night at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London there opened a production of Nigel Osborne's opera *Sarajevo*. To those who think that mentioning live opera is a pretty strange way to start a radio column, I can only say: please bear with me. I shall start talking about television within a few paragraphs.

But first, radio. On Monday the Radio 4 arts magazine **Kaleidoscope**, happily opened up to long-wave listeners by the early finish in the Test match, carried a preview of *Sarajevo* which included a remarkable story about Katya Doric.

Doric is a very famous Bosnian actress who appears in *Sarajevo* at the QEH. She also directed the production of *Hair* which carried on amid gunfire and power cuts at the national theatre in Sarajevo not long ago.

On one occasion Doric was walking to work at the national theatre when a sniper's bullet whistled into the ground near her. A group of people flung themselves to the floor but Doric stayed upright, finding it difficult to get down on her knees in high heels.

After a few minutes Doric walked on. Another bullet struck the ground a yard away. A moment passed, she resumed walking. Another bullet. And so on for several minutes. Walk, bullet, stop, walk, bullet, stop.

Doric reached the theatre unscathed, and later a policeman explained why. Snipers in Sarajevo fire bullets near to people to test their nerve. The snipers gamble with each other, betting on how many shots it will take to make the target start running. Presumably if you start running they kill you.

I relate this extraordinary tale of war's cold-bloodedness because it is a little gem of the kind that pops up frequently on *Kaleidoscope*, by far the best arts magazine programme around. One of its strengths is the huge variety of items in each programme, an asset lacking in any of television's arts output.

Long ago when I did the odd bit of radio (very odd, most of mine was) they would hand me a little Uher tape recorder and off I would go. I have never encountered a Uher anywhere but in the BBC and I expect they still use them. Anyhow, all you need for a gem of a radio item is a Uher and a decent reporter.

Compared with this, every item on a television programme is a circus act. Thus it costs a lot, thus television programmes such as *The South Bank Show* tend to give an inordinate amount of time to subjects that *Kaleidoscope* would wrap up in five minutes.

This helps to explain why the arts are so poorly represented on television and so well done (though we can always do with more) on the radio. It seems to be impossible for television to do anything that involves sending less than a platoon of people out with a ton of hardware.

Good news for radio, perhaps, which is involved in a constant battle to prevent its best ideas being nicked by the telly. But there is slightly more to it than the cost differential as such. In radio, a producer who can turn in good programmes for not much money is a valued asset. In television — and in spite of the Birtist revolution — producers still attract more plaudits for spending money than they do for saving it.

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LONDON

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Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

BBC HENRY WOOD PROMS The Freiburg Baroque Orchestra opens tonight's programme with a suite from Handel's rarely-performed 1734 pasticcio, Oreste. Hipocondrie, a curiosity from the Czech Baroque composer Zelenka follows on, along with works from Haydn and CPE Bach. Thomas Hegelbrock conducts.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm.

THE WINSLOW BOY Opening night for Peter Barkworth, Simon Williams, Nyree Dawn Porter and Eve Matheson in Rattigan's ever-popular drama of a man's fight to prove his son's innocence when the Royal Naval College expels him for theft. Wyn Jones directs.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH Dublin's Abbey Theatre makes a return visit to the **International Festival** tonight after a 20-year absence. Artistic director Patrick Mason directs JM Synge's **The Well of the Saints**, his first full-length play and a black comedy about two blind beggars, husband and wife, who recover their sight but wish they had not. Meanwhile, a four-hour long **The Winter's Tale** continues until tomorrow, from Stéphane Braunschweig, director of the French National Drama Centre in Orleans.

There is just one dance performance, a second showing of the mixed media work *Dance* from **Lucinda Childs**. Tomorrow's programme includes three newer pieces, with music for "Concerto" by Gorecki.

On the music front, there is a real treat from the young Russian violinist, **Maxim Vengerov** at the Queen's Hall. He has already performed under many of the greatest conductors and orchestras and tonight's recital programme includes works from Mozart, Beethoven, Kreisler, Prokofiev and Paganini, among others. There is also a late-night Beethoven sonata recital at the Usher Hall from another rising star, the Polish pianist **Piotr Anderszewski**. Ticket holders should all have been notified now that tonight's NDR Symphony Orchestra Hamburg concert has been cancelled.
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LEATHERHEAD. The RSC arrives with its award-winning production of Christopher Hampton's **Les Liaisons Dangereuses** as part of the Thorndike's on-going 25th-anniversary celebrations. Michael Attenborough directs; with Pip Miller, Lucinda Curtis, Diana Berriman, Jane Snowden and Julian Bell.
Thorndike, Church Street (0372 377677). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 4pm and 8pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm. Until Sept 10.

LIVERPOOL: Bill Kenwright directs the "Roy Orbison" show **Only the Lonely**, with Larry Branson looking and sounding pretty close to "the Big O". Good if you are a fan.
Playhouse, Williamson Square (051-709 8363). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, 5.45 and 9pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm; mat Aug 31, 2.30pm. Until Sept 10.

LONDON GALLERIES

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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◪ **THE CARD** Deborah Paige directs a deft, entertaining adaptation of the Tony Hatch/Anthony Drewe musical, based on Arnold Bennett's Potteries novel. Peter Duncan gives a disarmingly unspoilt performance, some gooey glitches, with Hayley Mills.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight, 8pm, tomorrow, 2.30 and 8pm.

□ **LE CID**. Corneille's drama of honour and revenge, finely staged by Jonathan Kent. Excellent playing by Duncan Bell and Susan Lynch. Ranjit Bolt wittily translates.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm.

■ **THE COUNTRY WIFE**. Max Stafford-Clark's stern vision of the harsh truths of Restoration immorality. Some laughs included.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm.

□ **THE CRYPTOGRAM**. Lindsay Duncan and Eddie Izzard in Mamet's play about cryptic adult relationships: tantalising but it is really a studio play.
Ambassadors, West Street, W1 (071-836 1171). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

□ **HELL AND OTHER TALES**. George Dillon delivers a triple bill of Berkoff monologues: *Hell*, *Say a Prayer for Me* and *The Secret of Capitalism*. See review, page 31.
Gate, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; until Sept 3.

□ **JUGGLE AND HYDE**. The Flying Karamazov Brothers defy probability with their truly astounding feats.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Sept 3.

□ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN**. Another extravagantly self-dominated Wilde from Philip Prowse. Fine acting from Francesca Annis's mother with a past but otherwise a frail evening.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

HIGHWAY PATROLMAN (15): The disintegrating life of a Mexican patrolman. Absorbing, disciplined B-movie yarn from Alex Cox, with Roberto Sosa.
Metro (071-437 0757)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell.
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PUBLIC ACCESS: Charismatic stranger prises secrets from a sleepy small town. Thin but intriguing American independent film from new director Bryan J. Singer, with Ron Marquette.
NFT (071-928 3232)

CURRENT

◆ **THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES** (PG): Silly, acceptable big-screen revival for TV's favourite hicks with Jim Varney, Lily Tomlin and Dietrich Bader. Director, Penelope Spheeris.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

◆ **BEVERLY HILLS COP III** (15): Eddie Murphy's maverick cop returns in a middling, sanitised adventure. John Landis directs.
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◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U): Hollow, noisy live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman. Brian Levant directs.
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FORTRESS (15): Christopher Lambert suffers high-tech incarceration in a dull futuristic prison movie.
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◆ **GETTING EVEN WITH DAD** (PG): Macaulay Culkin reforms his wayward dad (Ted Danson). Botched family comedy, directed by Howard Deutch.
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GO FISH (18): American comedy of lesbian manners with a warm spirit and many gauche moments. Rose Troche directs an amateur cast.
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◆ **MAVERICK** (PG): Mel Gibson as the TV Western conman. Disappointing summer fun, with Jodie Foster and a sparkling James Garner as "Marshal" Zane Cooper. Richard Donner directs.
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◆ **NORTH** (PG): Whimsical misfire from director Rob Reiner, with Elijah Wood as the child searching the globe for the perfect parents.
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◆ **SIRENS** (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
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Mark Wigglesworth in rehearsal: "I will only improve as a conductor if I can have an orchestra that I can get to know and experiment with"

MUSIC: Mark Wigglesworth, just appointed to be principal conductor of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, talks to **Stephen Pettitt**

Yesterday another chapter opened in the extraordinary career of the young British conductor Mark Wigglesworth. He has been appointed principal conductor of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, succeeding Tadaaki Otaka in January 1996. Is moving to Cardiff a wise step for a dynamic young maestro who already has an international reputation? Tell Wigglesworth that his decision might be seen as self-inflicted demotion, and you risk a strong if amiable retort.

"Actually, the most successful symphony orchestra concerts I've done have all been with them. It's something to do with the fact that they're not in London. Their life is civilised. You arrive at 10am and they're all fresh and ready and happy to rehearse all day. In London, musicians have to get there early because of the possibility of being late, and then they face a nightmare journey back. That sounds like a pretty silly practical thing but it makes an enormous difference.

"I think, too, that the orchestra is perfectly placed in terms of what music I want to do. The BBC support enables it to take risks. True, they haven't had much avant-garde music as yet, but we'll do that too; there's no reason why not. But it also has to do the Beethoven, Brahms and Tchaikovsky repertoire. The orchestra in Wales has this dual function. For me, it's wonderful."

For an outsider, however, it still seems that the 30-year-old Wigglesworth, who will conduct a minimum of 25 concerts a season, is removing himself from the life of a jet-setting, money-spinning young virtuoso. Again his reaction confounds expectations. "I haven't done much jet-setting. I've only done two concerts in Europe and I've only been to America twice. The only orchestras I've worked with in London have been the BBCSO and the LPO.

> "I will stay in Cardiff for as long as the music is good"

"What's nice is that until now everything I've done has been noticed. When I'm not here I'm not anywhere else; I'm just studying. I've been doing about 15 concerts per year. It drives people mad, but I only say I'll do a concert if the repertoire is right, by which I mean that they have to do one of the two symphonies I suggest. But there are often problems with local agendas and box office, so when it comes to the crunch often I'll end up not doing the concert. There's far too much music. We all do too much and we all listen to too much. But, yes, I'll only improve as a conductor if I can have an orchestra that I can get to know and experiment with."

The newly busy Wigglesworth will have an equal say with Huw Tregelles Williams, the director of music, and Michael George, the music producer, in what the orchestra plays and with whom. Already a festival in Cardiff of New Viennese Music is planned for May 1996 and there will be a lot of Shostakovich, a composer whom Wigglesworth thinks is still largely misunderstood by Western as well as Russian interpreters.

"I want to be involved in everything. The idea of being a conductor who is just there more than anybody else isn't really very satisfying. If you turn up and make demands on an orchestra at the beginning of the week you have to be aware of what they were doing the previous week."

So is this going to be a clone of the Rattle/CBSO, or the fast developing Nagano/Hallé, relationships? "I'm not going to make any broad proclamations. I'll stay for as long as the music's good. It's up to both of us. I think one can stay too long somewhere. For everybody's sake it's healthy to change. Not frequently, but I think ten years is quite a long time."

What does he want to do with the orchestra's sound? "I just want to get the right sound for the right piece. What I'm amazed about with these players is that whatever you do with them, they click into the style. One of my first concerts with them was Mozart, Haydn, Bartók and Brahms, and they sounded like three different orchestras. Anyway, I tend to listen to the music more than the sound, if that doesn't sound pretentious. You get the sound right in order to express what you want.

"Orchestras often say to me, can't you be clearer? But I don't believe music should always be together. If the conductor can persuade the players to play their line with an artistic logic that they can understand without problems it will be together where it has to be. If they feel trusted, an orchestra can do anything. I see my job as persuading them that I trust them."

PROMS 1994: A revival of John Tavener's *In Alium*

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PREMIERED at the Proms just over a week ago, *The Apocalypse* is John Tavener for our decade and for a dying century: rarefied, austere, mortality-obsessed. By contrast, *In Alium* (heard in Monday's Prom), with its message of *spem*, or hope, was his response to the Sixties. It was commissioned by the BBC for the 1968 Proms, and applauded and patronised by the Beatles. Ringo is said to have "made useful suggestions" at its recording; *The Guardian* hailed it as "a musical love-in".

Tavener was in the Albert Hall on Monday to blow kisses to the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, David Atherton and soprano Eileen Hulse who, together with an invisible company on tape, took him and many in the audience down Memory Lane.

Those who knew nothing of the 1968 performance still heard the Tavener they knew and loved, albeit clad in psychedelic motley rather than in today's bleached beige. In among the sound of high soprano (live and taped), heavy breathing and kisses, and good vibrations on the Hammond organ, there were the prayers intoned in four languages, the space for palindrome and polyphony to radiate round the dome. And above all, the time: again little matter, no development, just hope eternal suspended, often beautifully, in an arch of time.

The need to shuffle around a century's worth of all those Prom premieres can sometimes create a degree of perversity in programming. Little musical purpose was served here by preceding the piece with Walton's *Portsmouth Point* overture and following it with the Sea Interludes from Britten's *Peter Grimes*.

The patchwork programming took on a more artistically satisfying design after the interval. Music of Russian magic and mysticism sits altogether more comfortably, in concept anyway, with the persona of Tavener. And to precede *The Rite of Spring* with the prelude to Mussorgsky's opera *Khovanshchina* and, particularly, by Lyadov's folk-tale for orchestra, *Kikimora*, was a stroke of genius.

The ear seldom hears Stravinsky's *Rite* in the context of the dark atavistic fantasies of the folk consciousness in which it had its linguistic and spiritual genesis. Lyadov's exquisitely scored little tone-poem, conjuring in music the story and the magic symbols of the evil spirit brought up by a mountain magician, was the perfect preparation. It led the ear directly and revealingly to Stravinsky's opening bassoon melody at the start of a fine performance.

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The quality of Merce is unrestrained

DANCE: The original old dog with new tricks, Merce Cunningham is still choreographing — and on a computer. **Allen Robertson** reports


LOIS GREENFIELD

With a title derived from a button on a computer keyboard, *Enter* sees the ageless Merce Cunningham and his company continuing to widen the horizons of dance

He is much more interested in what is happening today than in what went on last week; to say nothing of last year. Now 75, Merce Cunningham is the éminence grise of the dance world. He has been creating dances for more than half a century, which means he has been a choreographer longer than virtually anybody else on the planet.

But such impressive statistics hold no interest for him. "I suppose they're good for the PR people, but anniversaries have no significance to me," he says. "I remember years ago, when my parents were still alive, I said to one of my brothers: 'Don't you think their golden wedding must be coming up?' " He was told that it had already passed. "So", Cunningham says, "I guess I never learnt to pay much attention to anniversaries."

Given that attitude, it is hardly surprising that he cannot remember when his company was last at the Edinburgh Festival. His sole concern is that they will be in Scotland again this year.

Cunningham is imposingly tall, but thin as a wraith. A disconcerting combination of the fragile and the indomitable, he has a gentle gnomic face framed by a shock of rebellious curls. He is sitting at a work table in his Manhattan studio. Located on the 11th floor of a huge building on the edge of Greenwich Village, it is a vast open rectangle of space with gleaming wooden floors. Unlike most rehearsal rooms, its two longest walls are lined with windows rather than mirrors. The New York skyline hangs outside like a glass-and-concrete postcard dotted with famous landmarks.

It is midday and most people would be eating lunch, but Cunningham is too busy sorting through the notes he has compiled for the afternoon's rehearsal. They come from his latest creative toy, a computer called Life Forms. This special software programme allows him to manipulate figures on a screen through myriad permutations. "It's so immediately vivid," he says. "It's opened up a new kind of complexity, which was always there of course, it's just that my eye didn't see it."

After working alone on screen, he transforms what he has created into real life. But, far from turning his dancers into robots, he believes the process allows him to be even more attuned to each performer's special movement qualities.

When asked what happens if he creates something on-screen that simply does not work with human bodies, he replies with a story that indicates he does not suffer fools gladly: "When my mother took her driver's test she was asked what she would do if the light turned green and there was a pedestrian crossing the road. She said: 'Well, naturally, you drive right out and hit them.' Of course I adjust things. People are different, and I don't think it would be a very bright idea to try and hide that."

Over the decades Cunningham has altered the fundamental ways in which audiences look at dance. In fact, he was the man who came up with the then-startling notion that dance could be about dancing, and nothing else. Since 1939, he had been performing with Martha Graham, high priestess of the dance psyche, but when he linked up with composer John Cage in 1942 he immediately started to move away from Graham's emotionally charged theatrics.

Cage and several of Cunningham's other collaborators, such as Robert Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns and eventually even Andy Warhol, helped give his dances a clean freshness that broke rules as a matter of course. The scores are often not heard by the dancers until the first performance. Even though the movement and music occupy the same time and space, Cunningham is determined that neither be allowed to act as a convenient crutch for the other. He also permits his designers a free hand in their costume and lighting choices.

The outcome has sometimes been bizarre, at other times more beautiful than could ever have been mapped out ahead of time.

Along the road Cunningham has won every choreographic prize there is. The French made him a Chevalier of the Légion d'honneur and he was one of the initial recipients of a MacArthur grant. Dubbed the "genius awards", the grants are among the largest cash sums — $375,000 in some cases — ever given to artists. But, in making dance stand up by itself, as itself, Cunningham has often riled those people who prefer sweet stories performed to pretty music. Ironically, perhaps, he says Europeans have always been more open to his innovations than his own countrymen.

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"Europe is terribly important to me," he says. "It has within its traditions the idea that there is art going on at the moment you're living in; and that it is just conceivable somebody might like to see it.

"This tradition is mostly about music, naturally; but in Europe, theatres, festivals and promoters understand the importance, value and prestige of presenting a new piece because it is what people do *now*. I mean, here [in New York] they spend $2 million on a new production of *Aida* with great glee, but the idea of doing something new seems too risky."

Enter, the hour-long work that forms the centrepiece of his company's visit to Edinburgh, is a case in point. It had its world premiere in Europe (at the Paris Opera in 1992). Taking its name from the all-important key on Cunningham's computer keyboard, *Enter* is a collection of emotions that illustrates the humanity at the heart of his computer games.

Enter's grandeur is balanced by the short and pithy *Cargo X*. A Cunningham primer for speed-readers, it is performed with the acute velocity no other dance company can match. Its title probably stems from the dance's main prop, an old wooden ladder. Cunningham spotted it backstage in Toulon when the company was on tour. He thought it was the perfect adjunct to the movement he was then devising, and asked if he could have it.

The stage manager demurred. He pointed out that this particular ladder had been in the theatre for generations and was something of an heirloom. Cunningham countered by saying he would make the ladder famous, that it would become an international touring star. When the troupe left Toulon, the ladder went with them. In its place they left a shiny new metal one.

And, for the record, the Cunningham company was last seen in Edinburgh in 1979.

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The evil lives, the good is interned

THEATRE: White trash, Derek Jarman and a psychopathic Christ at the Traverse; plus a warts-and-all depiction of Robert De Niro

A son plotting the murder of his mother, a faithless wife, a father weltering in gore, incestuous sibling love ... Peter Stein will be offering us all this meaty stuff in his 7½ hour production of *Oresteia* tomorrow. But the same elements are present in **Killer Joe**, the riveting drama by Tracy Letts performed by the Hired Gun Theater of Chicago. Instead of the palace at Argos we have a trailer-park in Texas: cash is the spur, not infringements of the moral law; there is even a chorus of sorts in the television voices droning from the background and the radio preacher praising the beneficent wisdom of God.

Following the tradition of Gothic horror the action starts off in a thunderstorm with someone pounding at the door. This turns out to be Chris, the dope-head son in desperate need of $6,000, and the door is opened by Sharla, his father's second wife, naked below her short T-shirt. The mobile home begins to look impossibly crowded with the arrival of Chris's father Ansel, beer-gut bulging over his red underpants, but there is still room for Chris's sleepwalking sister Dottie, who drifts into the family conference, tidily putting the ashtray away in the fridge.

What Chris proposes is the murder of his mother, Ansel's ex-wife, so as to inherit her insurance company. He suggests Joe Cooper as a good man for the job, a detective with a second career as hired killer, and for a retainer, he says, "We can give him Dottie".

Ansel's outburst of fury reveals Letts's sure grasp on how to second-guess an audience, combine shock and laughter while also making a moral point. Ansel leaps to his feet, yelling, but the object of his wrath is the wobbling television aerial.

We now watch with fascinating alarm how, by drawing up a bargain with Killer Joe, the family all but annihilates itself. Eric Winzenreid's Joe is immaculately neat, well prepared and businesslike. Never did you see a more graceful encounter with a dreamy virginal girl, and when he and Dottie (Shawna Franks) are left alone for their candlelit dinner never was there such a gracious courtship.

The love affair is eerily happy but elsewhere the violence is horrific. Holly Wantuch's trembling Sharla is forced to fellate a chicken drumstick, Michael Shannon's Chris spatters the kitchen with his blood, Marc A. Nelson's lumbering Ansel collapses like a beached whale. The final mayhem of hurtling furniture and cascading coleslaw must have been directed by Wilson Milam with microscopic precision to prevent actual injury, but such attention characterises the whole production. The shifts between politeness and rage, the moral insensitivity of all the characters, have won the company a Fringe First award.

Modern Nature has also been playing at Traverse 2, the studio theatre two floors closer to the centre of the earth below Traverse 1, itself one floor below ground level.

An attractive tribute to the late Derek Jarman, this 70-minute monologue has a curious history: based on Jarman's diaries, it was first presented in Brussels by the Dutch-speaking company De Parade, and is now back in English again but spoken by the Dutch-speaking Belgian actor, Kris Cuppens. The occasional mispronunciation, the spoken g in "gnome" or the tall stories sheltering behind "fisherman's yawns" are charming grace notes to this touching self-portrait at one remove.


Shawna Franks as Dottie and Michael Shannon (Chris) in *Killer Joe*

When Jarman was diagnosed HIV positive he retired to a cottage above the Dungeness shingle to create his last garden. We are to imagine him speaking from there, sharing his intinerant boyhood as his father moves to RAF postings around Europe. His loves were flowers, sex and film-making, the last evidently trailing in third place. In charcoal suit, sweater and scuffed shoes, Cuppens breaks into a half-smile as he recalls absurdities, embarrassments and the fleeting happiness of brief encounters.

Towards the end a Latin litany of drugs arches back to the list of Latin plant names. "I'm not complaining," he tells us. "You won't hear me complain. I'm happy." Then Cuppens walks out and does not reappear to take a bow. His absence adds the last brushstroke to an engaging portrait.

The last of this trio of studio plays, **Bow to the Beast**, failed to convince me that we were in the presence of a psychopath. Jan Knightley ran feverishly around the stage, rearranging chair, desk, suitcase and the semi-circle of dolls watching television in the far corner. He insisted that we believe he had killed several little children and violated a woman, but it did not seem likely so, when he told that we had the power to stop him, none of us stepped forward to do so. Instead, we waited patiently for the rant to end.

Devised by Boilerhouse, given a text by Barry Graham and directed by Paul Pinson, the argument appeared to be that offering compassion to the world had failed, so now we had the Saviour we deserved, the psychopathic Christ. Some of us accepted the wine and sandwiches he offered, but I felt it better not to encourage him.

JEREMY KINGSTON

LONDON THEATRE: Three Berkoff short stories

Admiring the ego altered

Hell and Other Tales
Gate, W11

THESE three monologues are derived from short stories by Steven Berkoff, and are narrated by someone it is tempting to see as his shadow self.

There could be no more extreme contrast. Berkoff must be one of the least shy and shrinking performers in the history of the British theatre. But nobody would cast Harry, his actor-narrator, as the loquacious blimp in *Decadence* or the angry, alsatian-loving skinhead of *One Man*. He is frightened, failed and all those things Berkoff can only be in a secret blood vessel somewhere in the left ventricle of his heart of hearts.

George Dillon performed two of these playlets in Edinburgh last year, and now adds another, *The Secret of Capitalism*. In it, the actor talks of his possessions, from his house to his cat, his mortgage to his woman, and then launches into an equally soulless attempt to quantify his success on the stage. Why, if you tot up all the people who see him in a week, and then add their friends and their friends' friends, it is possible that more than 125,000 may have heard of him during the past month. "I wonder why I'm often sad, lonely and desolate," Dillon finishes in the blank, bewildered manner he often adopts.

That is the evening's theme, message, lament, call it what you will. It recurs in *Say a Prayer for Me*, which finds Harry renouncing the stage, taking lodgings in an area "somewhere between purgatory and hell" and a job in an off-the-peg tailors, and lusting after a cleaner called Doris. She comes to his room, too, pathetically prepared to trade sex for friendship. The result is a crude, stupid fiasco that leaves both of them, especially him, more isolated than ever.

DILLON brings a certain verve and inventiveness to Harry's histrionic fantasies, but (who could?) does not begin to match Berkoff himself either for energy or for imaginative bravura. No matter: his forte is a vulnerability we have not seen or suspected in his author.

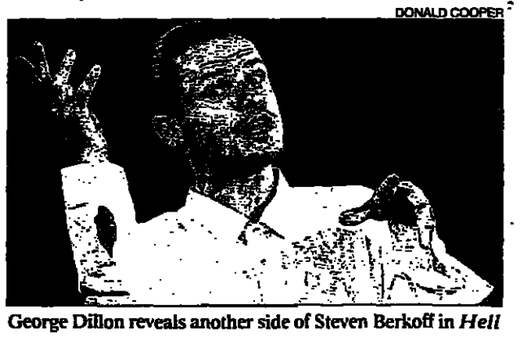
That is why the last monologue proves to be the most successful, even though it is sometimes overwrought and entirely lacks the wry humour that surfaces in the other two. It is called *Hell* and, on the whole, merits the title.

Dillon spends it stripped to a black loincloth, sitting sideways-on in a plain chair, and bathed in a red light. Again and again, he talks of a loneliness that he feels other people, whom he seldom sees, must actually be able to smell. He still has his cat, but not his woman. It appears he drove her away with his morose introversion, his feelings of inadequacy, his dislike of fun and friends. So he takes a potion of tranquillisers and whisky and drifts into the hereafter, asking St Peter or whomever he meets to overlook his suicide: "You see, I'd quite like to meet some people here."

Self-pitying, maudlin stuff? It could and perhaps should have been. But in his gentle, doleful way Dillon manages to summon up something as improbable as, let's say, a garrulous Pinter or a hale and hearty Simon Gray: the Beckett in Berkoff.

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George Dillon reveals another side of Steven Berkoff in *Hell*

He's talking to you, punk

One Shot
Assembly Rooms

NOBODY seems to have noticed that the Fringe Festival programme at the Assembly Rooms has twins on show. There are two one-man plays, the set of each just a chair and table, about bigtime movie stars. *Playing Burton*, according to Richard Burton's great-nephew Guy Masterson, who directs the piece, sets the media-warped record straight, portraying "the man behind the myth".

Meanwhile in *One Shot*, writer director-performer *Mark Kilmurry* is reliving Robert De Niro's greatest hits with disturbing accuracy. He gets in slow motion, plus soundtrack, slugged by bullets or punches from an invisible other, simultaneously becoming both De Niro and his adversary. Elsewhere he *snaps into* soundbites, all "in-character" twitches and so tough-talking his lines disappear up his own sinuses. Such moments quiver between satiric caricature and an impressive feat of admiring chameleon-like assimilation.

Actually, *One Shot* puts not De Niro but a nobody in the limelight. Charlie Murry is an obsessional film fan who half-thinks he's De Niro the butch myth, not the man. He is a lonely loser with a whole *bunch of guns*, solidly real objects in an otherwise-imaginary world. This sad case seems almost endearingly unheroic or risible: feigning on-screen cool with a cigarette lighter, he clicks his fingers ineffectually. Then he flicks into a frighteningly violent alter ego.

Murry is writing De Niro his "last letter", or rather is dictating it in our direction, firing off words in nervous stutters. His confession harps on his twin passions, De Niro and a woman he hardly knows but about whom he is pathologically jealous. The "movie excerpts" are intercut with this monologue: one can never be sure if one is witnessing Kilmurry re-creating film clips or Murry (note the overlapping surnames) copy-catting his idol. *One Shot* is about double takes.

I would need to see it again to get the ending clear, ricocheting as it does from suicide to assassination. But, a few slack patches apart, this is a cleverly structured piece where a solo performance becomes an image of loneliness and of a person battling with himself. Kilmurry proves a potent Method actor as well as a dexterous mime. The play is an investigation of the blurring of theatre and film, of fiction and reality, that asks whether screen violence sparks imitations or Hollywood celebrities are victims, latched on to by the unhinged.

KATE BASSETT

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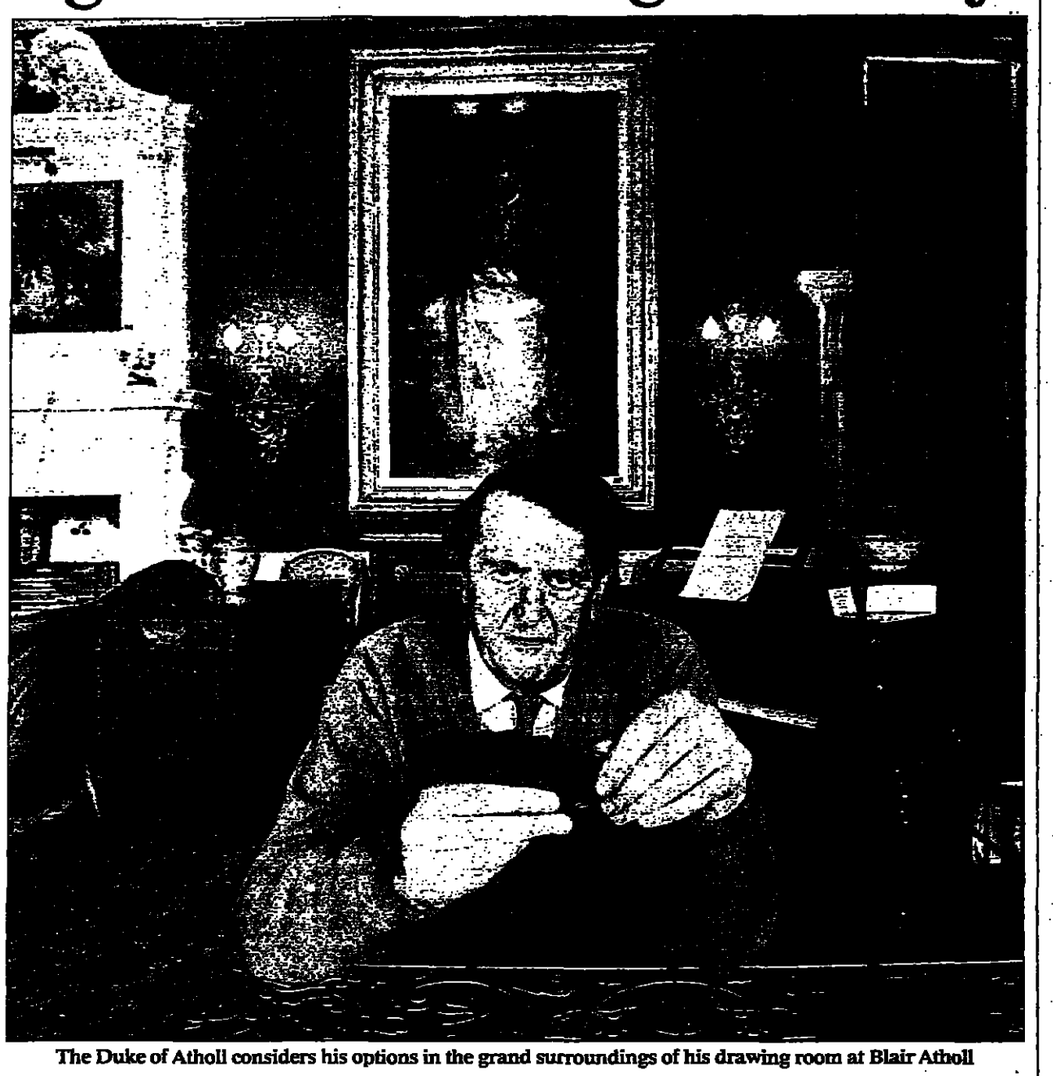
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Playing for high stakes in high society

To use a favourite pastime for social climbing is an established ploy, **Albert Dormer** says, but if you want to do big business as well, then your game should be bridge



The Duke of Atholl considers his options in the grand surroundings of his drawing room at Blair Atholl

The games that we play can define us to the world and it is more important to play the right game than to be skilful in playing it. To crash Society and be invited to country house weekends, a proficiency at darts won't help much.

Squash is all right, even though it has been taken up by the yuppie set. Tennis is now a bit downmarket, although "realers" as distinct from "lawners" is still classy. Badminton is no good these days. Skiing is not what it used to be. Football, once unmentionable, can be a topic for faintly amused conversation. Bowls? You must be joking. Riding is very good indeed and polo better still. Fishing is all right and so is golf, as long as you don't wear a Marks and Spencer pre-faded rugby shirt on the course.

"And so is bridge," says the Duke of Bedford in his *Book of Snobs*. "It is not a sport, as I am fully aware, but a popular card game which may take you to many places and gain for you many desirable friends." You may never be more than just, "... the man who has been asked here to play bridge", but when you tell your friends that you are off to Blandings Castle for the weekend, they will be impressed.

My own incursions into Emsworth territory confirm that bridge does provide enviable *entrées* and confirms that access to high society is not the only attraction. The money establishment is much in evidence, offering the chance to advance your career as well as your social positioning.

A leisure interest shared with the boss never did anyone any harm, but only when the game is bridge is he likely to be actively enthused by your playing skills. He knows that the strategic thinking holds a mirror to real-life wheeler-dealing. Conversational skills are also put on display: repartee and backchat across the green baize can establish a rapport that may be followed up in the bar afterwards.

The links between bridge and financial expertise are so strong that, in boom times, Wall Street and Chicago firms actively headhunt the younger American bridge experts: their proven brainpower commands the confidence of clients as well as employers.

Jimmy Cayne, once a world bridge champion, now president of a well-known Wall Street investment firm, says: "When I first came to Bear Stearns, bridge was my only connection. The people I called knew of my ability already."

Entrepreneurship distinguishes the careers of successful women bridge players, too. The best woman bridge player today is arguably Kerri Shuman. She holds a pitch on the floor of the world's biggest and most hectic options-trading bourse, the American Stock Exchange.

Learning bridge from cold is not easy, but it is worth the effort. When proficient, you might try your hand at competitive bridge through a club or business-houses league. After that, social bridge in any company will be a breeze. You may find, like most of the world's 50 million or so aficionados, that the game is worth playing not just to gain a social or business edge, but simply because it is the most fascinating ever invented.

One who agrees, and who has no need of introduction to the highest circles, is the Duke of Atholl, captain of the House of Lords bridge team and winner of individual brilliancy prizes in matches against other legislatures. He first played at the age of eight when his mother needed a fourth.

"The attraction of bridge," he said, "is that I have a chance to relax completely, while still having to concentrate a bit. I am fortunate in that I do not get annoyed with my partners and so I tend to enjoy the game to the full."

Non-players may be surprised that he finds this apparently demanding game relaxing, yet it is a claim often made by people with a heavy workload. The Duke, one of Britain's largest landowners, has extensive business interests and is a former chairman of a regional newspaper group. He is also active in public affairs.

I reminded him that Eddie George, the governor of the Bank of England, began his career by making a favourable impression on the Bank's recruiting officer in a chance encounter at the Cambridge University bridge club. I asked the duke, who plays at the world's oldest and most exclusive card club, whether he had detected links between bridge and commercial acumen.

"At the Portland Club," he said, "Lord Swaythling and Sir James Goldsmith are two outstandingly successful businessmen and yet they do no more than moderately at bridge. Perhaps what in business is a remarkable gift for disciplined risk-assessment translates in the free-and-easy sort of game we play at the Portland to a taste for gambling.

"On the other hand, some play bridge with the same flair as they conduct their business affairs. Stuart Wheeler, who founded IG Index, the financial bookmaker, is an extremely good player."

When men of power play bridge, how hard should one try to beat them? The Duke of Bedford advises: "Be good at sports, but not too good ... It is much better to be beaten by older and *arrivé* members of Society ..."

One sees the point. Henry VIII's courtiers took care not to beat him at real tennis and George Bush has remarked how curious it is that he used to win at golf more frequently when he was president, even though he is actually playing better now.

At bridge, however, to lose deliberately will not advance your cause. The magnate is out to prove that he did not become rich and powerful by accident and he will squash you if he can. Then he will forget you. But if you can hold your own against him at the bridge table, he may begin to see you as a potential asset at his boardroom table.

England profit from relentless assault

ENGLAND'S relentless assault on the South African goal saw them win 5-1 and put themselves in line for a medal play-off in the Sultan Azlan Shah hockey tournament in Penang, Malaysia, yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). The South African defence, which 24 hours earlier had held Pakistan for 54 minutes before losing 1-0, was torn apart by the England side's greater speed of thought and action.

They were clearly the faster and fitter team. Crutchley began at centre forward, but it soon mattered not who was leading the attack as players poured forward in support. Mayer set up Laslett for the first goal after four minutes and Shaw added the second 16 minutes later. With the South African defence still reeling, Thompson slotted in the third. Garcia converted a penalty for the fourth goal in the 50th minute before Williams set up Laslett for the fifth.

Australia went down to a surprise 3-1 defeat by Malaysia, for whom Nor Saiful Zaini scored all three goals.

Six Tests for West Indies

CRICKET: West Indies will play a six-Test series in England for the first time when they tour next year. They will also play three one-day internationals but face two fewer Tetley Bitter Challenge matches than normal because of their late arrival. With their series against Australia not due to finish until early May, the touring team will not arrive until May 9.

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Monarchs move on

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: The London Monarchs will play at White Hart Lane, the home of Tottenham Hotspur, when the World League of American Football returns next April. The decision to leave Wembley, where the Monarchs played in 1991 and 1992, had been widely expected, partly due to costs, partly to size. When redevelopment of the ground is completed early next year, White Hart Lane will have the capacity of around 30,000 for American football.

Pedersen takes title

CYCLING: The amateur world road race was won by Alex Pedersen, of Denmark, a former professional, at the Sicilian holiday resort of Capo d'Orlando yesterday. Milan Dvorscik, of the Czech Republic, won the silver medal and Christophe Mengin, of France, the bronze. They were both given a time of 4hr 24min 38sec, the same as Pedersen. Monica Valvik, of Norway, won the women's title in 2hr 08min 03sec.

Oti decides to retire

RUGBY UNION: Chris Oti, who scored eight tries in his 13 international appearances for England, is to retire. A regular on the Wasps wing for the past six seasons, Oti, 29, wants to concentrate on his career as a chartered surveyor. "I have tried very hard to get back to the form I showed in the late 1980s, but I have not been getting the satisfaction I want" he said. A series of injuries, starting on the British Isles tour to Australia in 1989, have also taken their toll.

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For many England hopefuls, the chance to stake a claim for the World Cup squad will come during the fiercely contested games that have become the hallmark of the Courage Clubs Championship, which kicks off this season on Saturday September 10.

Pick the 15 players from the clubs in the first and second divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship who you think would combine to take the title this season and you could win £10,000, or one of many great rugby prizes including a World Cup trip for two to South Africa.



THE GAME PLAN

The Times Courage First XV revolves around the 300 players listed below who represent the 20 English rugby union clubs in the first and second divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship. The object of the game is to select the XV that will amass the highest number of points during the 18-match league season.

HOW TO SCORE

All 300 players have been given a rating based on their scoring record. Whenever one of your chosen team scores points in a league match the value of his score should be multiplied by his rating and the resulting figure put towards your team's score. For example, Rob Andrew has a rating of two; if he scores a try (five points), converts it (two points), drops a goal (three points) and kicks a penalty (three points), his actual match tally of 13 points is multiplied by two to give a score of 26.

Every Wednesday after a Courage Clubs Championship Saturday the updated scores of all 300 players will be published in *The Times*, together with the names and team scores of the top 50 First XV selectors, as well as the name and score of a weekly prize-winner.

TEAM SELECTION

It is simply a matter of picking one player from each of the 15 position groupings, with the following provisos:

1) You may pick only one kicker (denoted by K);
2) You must include at least five players from second division clubs.

Note: You must pick players only for the positions under which they are listed, even if you know they sometimes play in other positions.

You should be aware that some clubs operate a rota system, so not all players listed will play in every game, and that some top players are sometimes rested by their clubs. And those at the top level who play a lot of representative rugby will be more exposed to injury.

This selection will serve as your team in two separate competitions. The main competition takes into account the scores in all 18 league games of the Courage Clubs Championship (the results of which will be known only after the final game on April 29 1995). The other competition covers only the first half of the season, the ninth and final game of which will be played on November 5.

If you are not happy with your selected team's performance after the first half of the season, you can enter a different selection for the competition covering the second half of the season, beginning on January 7. However, only your original team selection will count in the main competition which covers the full season.

HOW TO ENTER

Your team selection for the main competition (covering the full season) and the competition covering the first half of the season must be received by noon on September 10 1994, before the first league game of the season kicks off.

You may enter by post or by telephone. If you are entering by post: Complete the entry form in block capitals and post it together with a cheque/P O for £1.50 (payable to 'First XV') to: The Times Courage First XV, PO Box 600, Luton LU2 0NZ, postmarked no later than September 9.

By telephone: Entrants may enter using a Touchtone telephone on 0891 40 50 15. Most telephones with a * and a # key are Touchtone.

The recorded message will explain simply what to do and will ask you to key in your selection by the player reference code listed before each player's name — for example, if you have chosen J Callard at fullback, key in 001 for that position.

Ensure that you have your final team selection in front of you and that you are ready to quote your full name and address and team name (see below). At the end of the message you will be given a Personal Identification Number (PIN) which you should note down on the entry form — and which you should use in any correspondence. All selections received by the closing deadline will be acknowledged within 21 days and selectors will be sent:

a) A team sheet confirming the selection. If there are any errors this must be amended and returned to the organisers within seven days.

b) A score sheet, to enable you to keep track of your team's performance.

When entering, please nominate a rugby club. If you win any one of the 36 prizes, the club will also win. It can be any rugby club you like.

You may also choose to give your selected XV a name, using a maximum of 16 characters, under which your score may be published if it is among the leading scores.

Rugby trips, VIP tickets and Courage beer prizes

The main competition

First prize: £10,000 for the selector whose team amasses the highest number of points from all 18 games of the 1994-5 Courage Clubs Championship. If the winner wants to use some of the money to attend the World Cup in South Africa next year, Courage will arrange flights, accommodation and a chance to meet the England squad.

Second prize: a trip for two to see England's three World Cup pool games in Durban, from May 27 to June 4 1995, courtesy of Sport Abroad. The trip will include flights, transfers, hotel accommodation, match tickets and visits to a nature reserve and safari park.

Third prizes: ten competitors will each win a fully installed BT satellite system, two cases of Courage Directors bitter and two four-hour VHS video tapes.

The first half of the season

First prize: The highest number of points from the first nine games of the 1994-5 Courage Clubs Championship wins a trip to Dublin for two to see England play Ireland in January, courtesy of Sport Abroad.

Second prize: a trip to Cardiff for two to see England play Wales in February, courtesy of Sport Abroad.

Third prize: Two tickets for England v France at Twickenham on February 4 as V I P guests of Courage.

The second half of the season

First prize: The selector with the highest number of points from the last nine games of the 1994-5 Courage Clubs Championship wins a trip to Paris for two people to see



France play England in 1996.

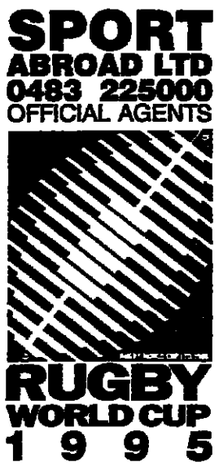
Second prize: A trip to Murrayfield for two people to see Scotland play England in 1996.

Third prize: Two tickets for the Pilkington Cup Final at Twickenham on May 6 1995 as V I P guests of Courage.

Note: Only selectors who have submitted a separate entry for the second half of the season will be eligible for these three prizes.

Weekly Courage Best competition

The selector whose team achieves the highest number of points on



each individual Saturday throughout the 18-match Courage Clubs Championship will win a fully installed BT satellite system and two cases of Courage beer. Should there be more than one equal highest score, the winner will be drawn at random from all winning selectors.

Courage Directors club prizes

All selectors who win one of the 36 prizes will also win a prize for their nominated rugby club. Each winning club will receive five cases of



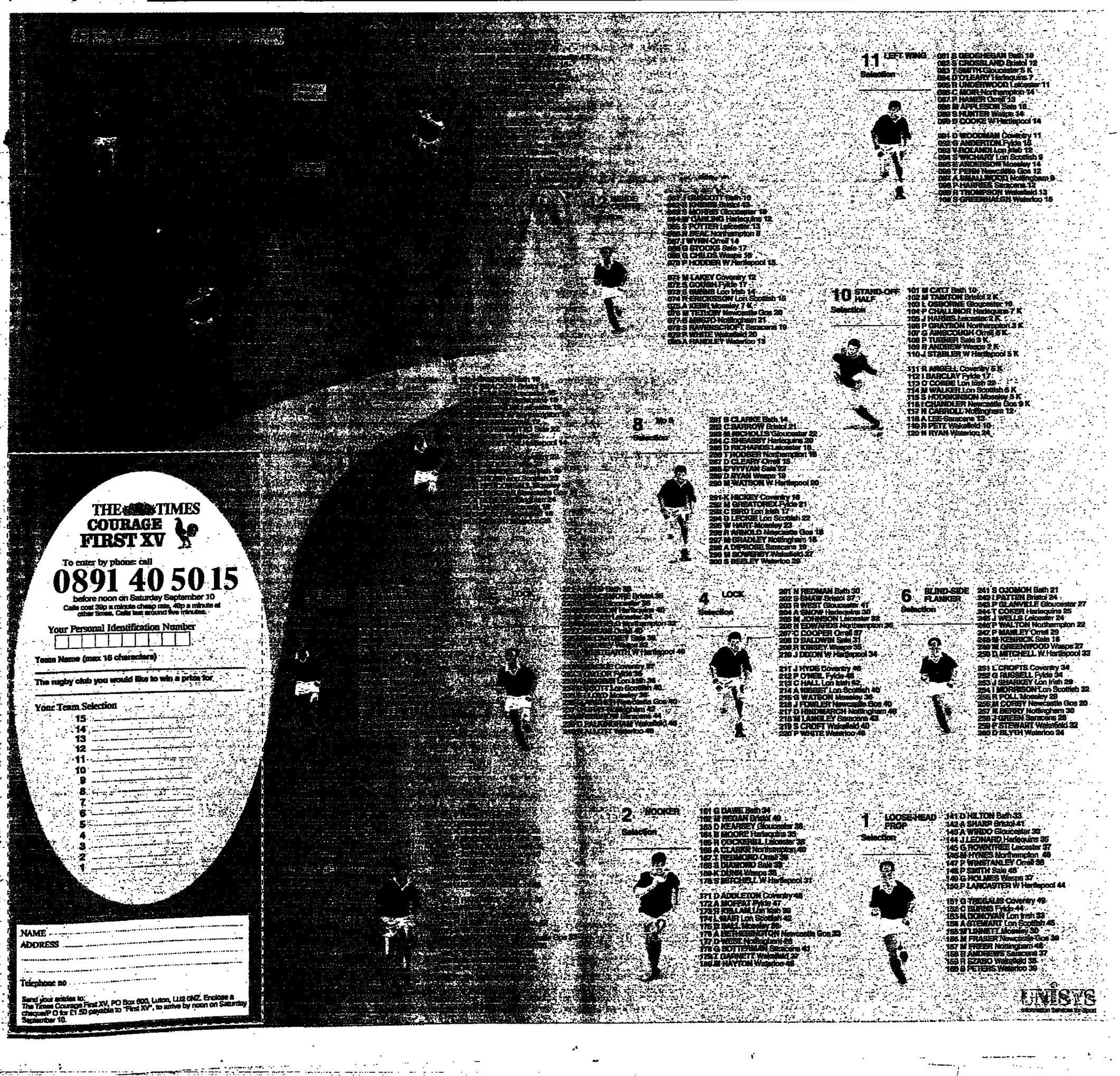
Courage Directors and a Courage Best England training shirt.

In addition, one of the following prizes will be awarded on a random basis to each of the 36 clubs:

☐ A training session by a member of the current England squad;
☐ An England shirt or training shirt signed by the England team;
☐ A rugby ball signed by the England team;
☐ A table for ten at the official dinners for the England v Canada and England v Scotland matches;
☐ Entry for a team of four into the RFU golf day in May 1995, organised by Sport Abroad.

The laws of the game

1. *The Times* Courage First XV is open to all UK residents aged 18 or over, excluding employees and their families of News International, Courage Ltd and their agents.
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3. There is no limit to the number of telephone selections/entries anyone may make, nor to the number of postal selections/entries provided each is accompanied by a cheque/P O for £1.50.
4. Calls are charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times. Calls should take around five minutes.
5. The instructions and explanatory copy on this page form part of the laws of the game.
6. The decision of the panel of judges in any matter relating to *The Times* Courage First XV will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
7. If there are ties for any of the prizes, there will be a further test of skill to determine the winner.



Three cheers for Ossie for daring to dare

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

On Saturday, on the way home from the most extraordinary football match of the season, and one that might retain this description until next May, I realised a truth about Ossie Ardiles, the Tottenham Hotspur manager. He is Atom Ant.

Since this is a rather obscure cultural reference, I had better explain. Atom Ant was a diminutive cartoon superhero, not unlike Ossie to look at, whose response to adversity was to cry: "It's up and at'em . . . Atom . . . Ant!"

Ossie lined up with five forwards: well, you just don't *do* that. But then, why not? He won, didn't he? Beat Sheffield Wednesday 4-3, right? Yes, but you are not supposed to win like that.

Games are played according to tactics and according to laws: but, more than that, they are played according to conventions. You open the bowling with two fast bowlers and, if you don't have two good fast bowlers, you use two bad ones. You certainly don't open with two leg spinners.

In football, you line up 4-4-2, with the middle four containing at least two players of the ball-winning, ball-holding variety. If you don't have good defenders, then you pick bad ones.

But Ardiles defied this convention. It happened that all his best players were forwards. He did not pick second-rate defenders to make a conventional team: he picked his best players. Why is this such a wild thing to do?

The problem is that sport is haunted by the spirit of pusillanimity: smallness of the soul. To play sport is to play safe. All-out attack? More than my job's worth, guv.

But tell me, what turned the tide in the last Test match? DeFreitas and Gough refused to play conventionally. They cast pusillanimity aside: they dared to dare. Dilley and Botham did the same thing in 1981 — "let's give it some humpty" — and changed a match, a series, several people's careers, and several people's lives.

Rugby Union is the most tactically rigid of our local ball games. The conventions of when you kick and when you pass are widely accepted. The mould-breaker offends even when his up-and-at'em tactics are overwhelmingly successful. Mention Campese and serious rugby people talk about his mistakes.

But the point is that, time and again, up and at'em works and the conventional weighing of percentages fails. Despite that, it is accepted wisdom in sport, most especially in team sport, that it is better to go down hiding than with all guns blazing.

And again and again, this convention is proved wrong. Fiji have won the Hong Kong Sevens because all seven men attack from every corner of the field. The Kenyan runners set athletics alight by refusing the pusillanimous conventions of championship running. Instead, they ran as fast as they could all the way.

Attack, attack? Why not? Two Adbul Qadirs, two Shane Warnes, three Bothams, three Gowers and a real stumper: how about that for a team? Or two Stuart Barneses and five Campeses behind the scrum?

The Atom Ant tactic is far more regularly seen in individual sports, where the player is not responsible to colleagues, a manager or a nation. Such people prove that all-out attack is a legitimate option: Nigel Mansell, Boris Becker, John Daley.

To be boring is not necessarily a bad tactic. In the right hands, it is very effective (Alain Prost, Ivan Lendl, Nick Faldo). The trouble is that boringness has acquired a kind of dignity; worse, a kind of sanctity. Boring is considered the right way to play. It is the first resort.

Even if Terry Venables had five world-class forwards, he would not pick them all in the same football team. An England team picked for 4-3 victories would cause such mighty offence throughout the nation that he would be out of a job at the first defeat.

Nor would Raymond Illingworth pick four world-class spinners for the England cricket team. Adventure? More than my job's worth, guv. It was certainly more than David Gower's job was worth.

Danny Blanchflower said famously: "The game is about glory. It is about doing things in style, with a flourish, about going out and beating the other lot, not waiting for them to die of boredom."

To an extent I disagree. Sport is for all sorts and conditions of person, for the boring as well as the scintillating. It is deification of boredom that is so utterly wrong. Ossie, the Atom Ant *de nos jours*, is the week's sporting hero. Pusillanimity be gone.

Klinsmann spurs Tottenham to positive approach

By Russell Kempson

FROM a summer of despair, after incurring the considerable wrath of the Football Association, all seems sweetness and light at Tottenham Hotspur. A 4-3 win away to Sheffield Wednesday at the start of the FA Carling Premiership season and sell-out notices already posted for the visits of Everton tonight and Manchester United on Saturday. Forget about fines, points deductions and no involvement in the FA Cup.

If Tottenham defeat Everton, who drew 2-2 at home to Aston Villa on Saturday, they will erase the six-point deficit imposed on them — it was reduced from 12 points on appeal — after being found guilty during the close-season of past financial irregularities.

"It is the catalyst that has spurred us on," Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham manager, said. "The six points are not now in our minds. We treat each game as one to be won."

Ardiles retains the side that beat Wednesday, with Jürgen Klinsmann, the Germany forward, and Ilie Dumitrescu, of Romania, making their home debuts. Klinsmann, who scored Tottenham's fourth goal at Hillsborough, has recovered from the accidental clash of heads with Des Walker, the Wednesday central defender, which saw him carried off, unconscious, on a stretcher.

He needed 11 stitches in and around his mouth and, on Monday, underwent a brain scan to confirm there were no after-effects. "There are no problems," Klinsmann said. "I feel fine and I really want to play."

Vinny Samways, the midfield player who moved from Tottenham to Goodison Park for £2.2 million during the summer, will make a swift return tonight, while Andy Sinton, the former Queens Park Rangers winger, also renews old acquaintenaces when Sheffield Wednesday travel to Loftus Road. Sinton, transferred to Wednesday for £2.75 million last season.

Philippe Albert does not know what to expect when he makes his home debut for Newcastle United against Coventry City. The Belgian central defender made an instant impression in his first Premiership appearance at Leicester on Sunday, when Newcastle won 3-1, and he said: "After the way they supported us at Leicester, I can't imagine what a full house of 40,000 will sound like."

Gary Lineker, 33, the former England and Tottenham forward, is attracting the interest of Southampton, as well as Middlesbrough, as his two-year contract with Grampus Eight in Japan nears its end. "I know Gary and his manager very well and I have made it clear that if he should want to come back, then we would like to be informed," Lawrie McMenemy, Southampton's director of football, said yesterday.

"He is a very experienced player and I'm not worried about his age because, if he is still fit, he would be an asset. I gather he has had a few offers, including one to play cricket. Maybe we can offer him a double deal with us and Hampshire." *Lineker has* been plagued by a toe injury for much of his time in Japan. His contract expires later this year and he has received offers to work in British television.

Paul Ince, the Manchester United midfield player, has been fined an undisclosed sum and warned about his future behaviour by Alex Ferguson, the United manager, after his celebrations during the 2-0 Charity Shield win over Blackburn Rovers at Wembley. Ince upset Ferguson by running to United supporters and brandishing his shirt after scoring the second goal with an overhead kick.

Ferguson's action has headed off possible disciplinary measures by the FA. "We are not being killjoys," David Bloomfield, an FA spokesman, said. "It is natural for some exhuberance to be shown after a goal is scored, but the message from the FA to players is: 'Don't overdo it with celebrations off the pitch'. We are happy with the way United have handled this case and no further action will be taken by us."

Diego Maradona, the Argentina captain, who was sent home from the World Cup finals in the United States after failing a drugs test, will have his future decided by a disciplinary panel of Fifa — the sport's world governing body — in Zurich today.



Klinsmann is looking forward to his debut for Tottenham at White Hart Lane

Renault accord brings joy to Benetton camp

By Oliver Holt

The Benetton Formula One team's tentative emergence from the maelstrom of controversy that has enveloped it in recent weeks continued yesterday when it was formally announced that it had agreed a three-year deal with Renault, suppliers of the most coveted engines in grand prix racing. Flavio Briatore, Benetton's managing director, who has struggled to remain cheerful throughout the ordeal, was jubilant. "It is a fantastic day for us," he said.

The deal, which was announced by Renault in Paris, may not signal the end of Benetton's troubles: the appeal by Michael Schumacher, its leading driver, against a two-race ban imposed for an infringement during the British Grand Prix will be heard on Tuesday in Paris, and its decision announced the same day.

The team still has to answer charges that it tampered with refuelling equipment before last month's German Grand Prix without the permission of the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA), but yesterday FIA denied that an extraordinary meeting of its world council would convene next Wednesday to consider those allegations.

The issue was brought into sharp focus yesterday by Niki Lauda, the three-times former Formula One world champion, who, in a call for an overhaul of disciplinary rules to ensure swifter punishment of offenders, criticised the timing of the scheduled inquiry into the affair on October 19.

"That's madness because by October 19 Benetton may already be world champions," Lauda said. "Are we to tell them that it's all a mistake and that they have to give back their titles?"

Lauda said Formula One needed a disciplinary commission to settle such questions more rapidly.

"I think that Formula One must learn from soccer in this respect. When a rule is broken the red card and a suspension should follow," Lauda told the Italian daily newspaper *Corriere della Sera*.

"In Formula One, if someone breaks a rule or a loophole or error is found in the rules themselves we carry on racing and any punishments are delayed."

Meanwhile, Renault's show of faith in Benetton — which at one stage appeared to be faltering — suggests confidence in the team's long-term future and should increase the strength of its package when the partnership begins next season. The new alliance may force Ford, Benetton's present engine supplier, out of Formula One as a works supplier.

It had been thought that Williams, who announced a three-year extension of their Renault deal a fortnight ago, would be the French company's works team and as such would be given preferential treatment. But Patrick Fauré, *the director* general of Renault sport, suggested otherwise.

"We are capable of powering two top teams at the same time with motors of the same quality," he said. "I want no ambiguous point in our Formula One policy. When Frank Williams signed the new contract with us on August 11 he knew we were negotiating with Benetton. He was not very enthusiastic to begin with but he understands our arrangement."



Lauda: quicker justice

Renault's top export market is Germany and Fauré has made no secret of his wish for the company to be associated with Schumacher. In turn, Schumacher has been keen to secure a more powerful engine than the Ford Zetec and the new deal should end speculation about him moving to another team. It will, however, fuel rumours about the future of Ligier, especially after Briatore, who is also its general manager, said yesterday that Renault could not supply three teams in Formula One.

Fauré also mentioned the possible return of Nigel Mansell to Williams, which would strengthen the team's line-up against the challenge of Schumacher. Although nothing had been confirmed, Fauré stressed that discussions between Mansell and Williams were far from over.

Adkins expects to overturn deficit

NIGEL Adkins, the Bangor City player-manager, *flew out* to Iceland yesterday believing he will be celebrating a Uefa Cup upset this evening. The Konica League of Wales champions trail Akranes 2-1 after the first leg but Adkins, who maintains the luck was against his side in the game at Farrar Road two weeks ago, is confident of victory.

"You've got to remember that the first leg was our first competitive match of the season, while they've only got a few matches left," Adkins said. "Now we've got that extra match fitness."

Bangor warmed up for the match by beating Caersws 3-1 at the weekend, a performnce that delighted Adkins, who said: "We could have had double figures."

Uefa's rule on foreign players means restricted selection for the player-manager, whose first-choice team contains seven Englishmen. Adkins sticks with the side that played in the first leg.

"We're going full of confidence. We only need to win 1-0 to take it into extra time and we were stronger than them at the end of the first match, despite our lack of match sharpness," Adkins said.

"Our front two, Frank Mottram and Mark Lloyd-Williams, caused them lots of problems in the first game and they're both looking really good at the moment.

"They're a bit shaky and ponderous at the back and there's always the chance that they'll be complacent, thinking they've done all the hard work by winning the away leg.

"We made a couple of mistakes at the back, and paid for them, and the youngsters we had to play in the first game will have grown from the experience of playing in Europe for the first time.

"Now we know a bit more about them, we don't feel we have anything to fear. We're really starting to gell as a team and I'm expecting us to get a result."

Colombia investigates football drugs link

COLOMBIA is to investigate a possible connection between professional football and its infamous drugs cartel. The government inquiry, announced by the education minister, Arturo Sarabia, will also look into the killing of the World Cup player, Andres Escobar, who was shot in Medellin after scoring an own goal in *the defeat by the United States* that contributed to Colombia's early exit from the tournament.

Colombia's coach, Francisco Maturana, and the defender, Gabriel Gomez, also received death threats during USA '94 and Gomez was withdrawn after defeat in the opening match against Romania. Juan José Bellini, the president of the Colombian football federation, said he welcomed the inquiry.

The Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) has offered a reward of more than £50,000 for the arrest and conviction of *bookmakers to combat match-*fixing in its professional league, it was reported yesterday.

A reward of about £25,000 will also be offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of players, coaches, referees and officials involved in such activity, the FAM decided at an emergency meeting of its executive council, the *New Straits Times* said. The newspaper quoted the FAM deputy president, Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah, as saying: "This is war, and we will do all we can to win it."

The council also decided that players and officials must declare their assets and that players would be transfer-listed if suspected of being involved in match-fixing.

"What we can do from our end for the moment is to make it as difficult as possible for players, referees and officials who fix matches to remain in the league," Abdullah said.

He said further action would depend on the police and the Malaysian anti-corruption agency in arresting and charging those people suspected of involvement.

The newspaper reported *that a ten-strong group had* been set up to investigate allegations of corruption against the Sabah, Perak, Penang and Kuala Lumpur teams.

Meanwhile, Singapore, the team that heads the Malaysian professional league, could be suspended if a court in Singapore finds one of its players guilty of fixing matches.

Michal Vana, the Czech striker, who was arrested last week on six charges of corruption, is due to appear in court on September 2. "I am not saying that we will suspend *Singapore as has* been proposed by some quarters, but we will consider it after the court ruling," Abdullah said.

He added that possible action against several Malaysian players could leave the league in chaos.

MONDAY NIGHT'S LATE RESULTS

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Notting*ham Forest 1 Manchester United 1.*

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dagenham and Redbridge 0 Famborough 1; Stevenage 0 Dover 3

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 5 Wolverhampton 1 Second division: Mansfield 1 Manchester City 3 Oldham 2 Preston 1; Leicester City 4 York 0

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 1 Norwich 1, Bristol Rovers 1 West Ham 4, Millwall 3 Southampton 1 Second division: Birmingham 2 Cardiff 1

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Hyde 1 Winsford 2; Emley 1 Boston United 4 First division: Ashton Utd 1 Lancaster City 0; Worksop Town 9 Mossley 2

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton 0 Barnstaple 2

ITALIAN CUP: First round: Lodigiani 0 Internazionale 3

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
First-leg scores in brackets

FOOTBALL

European Cup
Preliminary round, second leg
Rangers (0) v AEK Athens (2) (6 0) ....

Uefa Cup
Preliminary round, second leg
Akranes (2) v Bangor City (1) (6 0) ....

FA Carling Premiership
Aston Villa v Southampton (7.45) . . . .
Manchester City v West Ham (7.45) . . . .
Newcastle v Coventry (7.45) . . . . .
Norwich v Crystal Palace (7.45) . . . . .
QPR v Sheffield Wed (7.45) . . . .
Tottenham v Everton (7.45) . . . .

Anglo-Italian Cup
Group A
Ascoli v Notts County . . . .
Lecce v Wolverhampton . . . .
Swindon v Atalanta (7.45) . . . .
Tranmere v Venezia . . . .
Group B
Ancona v Derby (7.45) . . . .
Cesena v Stoke . . . .
Middlesbrough v Pescenca (7.45) . . . .
Sheffield Utd v Udinese (7.45) . . . .

GM Vauxhall Conference
Runcorn v Macclesfield (7.45) . . . .
Halifax v Northwich (7.45) . . . .

DIADORA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Feltham and Hounslow v Leighton BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Hastings, Solihull v Hednesford; VS Rugby v Chelmsford Midland division: Newport AFC v Redditch Utd. Southern division: Poole Town v Fareham, Salisbury v Fisher 93, Weatdstone v Margate, Yate v Havant.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Darwen v Holker OB, Glossop North End v Newcastle Town; Hanowh v St Helens Rossendale v Boolle Lamot Pits Trophy: Cheadle v Formby
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Saltash, Bridport v Mangotsfield, Cheddon v Ledkaard Frome v Bristol Manor Farm, Tiverton v Torrington
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Spennymoor, Bishop Auckland v Frickley First division: Atherton v Eastwood, Atherton LR v Caernarfon, Congleton v Warrington
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Sunderland v Blackburn (7.0). Second division: Birmingham v Hull (7.0), Burnley v Middlesbrough (7.15), Huddersfield v Barnsley (7.0), Port Vale v Grimsby (7.0)
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Tottenham (7.15); Bristol City v Watford, Ipswich v Portsmouth (2.0), Luton v QPR (2.0), Wimbledon v Charlton (2.0) Second division: Bath v Bournemouth, Birmingham v Cardiff (7.0), Hereford v Plymouth (7.0), Swansea v Torquay (2.0), Yeovil v Exeter (7.45).
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne v Crowborough; Oakwood v Shoreham Stamco v East Grinstead, Whitehawk v Newhaven
ULSTER CUP: Group D: Cliftonville v Ballyclare

CRICKET
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Chelmsford: Essex v Gloucestershire Sittingbourne (Gore Court): Kent v Glamorgan Hinckley: Leicestershire v Lancashire Taunton: Somerset v Derbyshire Cheam: Surrey v Northamptonshire Studley: Warwickshire v Sussex. Old Hill: Worcestershire v Yorkshire Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex.
UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL: Headingley: England v India (first day of four, 11.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Warrington v St Helens (7.30) ....

League prepares to replace Reilly

By Christopher Irvine

MALCOLM Reilly will remain as coach of Halifax until his move to Newcastle Knights in Sydney in November, the club has decided. *However, his place as Great* Britain coach for the three John Smith's rugby league internationals against Australia, starting at Wembley on October 22, is less certain.

An announcement will be made after a meeting of the Rugby Football League (RFL) board of directors next Monday. *It is looking increasingly* likely that the RFL will want Reilly out of the way and a successor in place for the Kangaroos' tour, a decision made easier by Halifax's announcement that Reilly is to be retained in the short term.

The arguments for keeping *Reilly on as national team* coach would have been strengthened if the West Yorkshire club had released him immediately, allowing him to devote all his time to the Britain role.

Peter Marsland, Halifax's director and spokesman, said *yesterday*: "*It was* believed in the best interests of the club to keep Malcolm on until his departure in November. The net is being cast wide for a replacement. Already we've had calls from two prominent Australians interested in coming here, but a considered decision will be made."

While appreciative of Reilly's excellent record and 7½ years' service, Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, was reportedly unhappy with criticisms by him. Reilly made it clear that the reasons for his move were in no way connected with the failure so far to appoint an assistant *coach to him.*

Australia has announced its management team for the 14-match tour, a nine-strong set-up headed by the coach, Bobby Fulton, and comprising a manager and an assistant, doctor, physiotherapist and three specialist trainers.

A narrow field of choices for the job does not help the League's position. It would make sense to keep Reilly on for the series with Australia because of the short time scale, but change, while retaining some degree of continuity, would be best served by appointing Phil Larder, a former *assistant coach to Reilly* who is coaching the second division club, Keighley.

St Helens are joint third-favourites for the Stones Bitter Championship with Leeds, but already early optimism is fast disappearing. The 29-20 defeat at home last weekend by Doncaster, 2,000-1 outsiders, *was a chastening experi*ence and Eric Hughes, the coach, is approaching the match at Warrington tonight with a measure of foreboding.

"Sunday's display was one of the worst I've seen in a long time," he said. "We were let down by defensive commit*ments. Doncaster* were *all* fired up for their first match in the first division and we played straight into their hands with ridiculous mistakes."

It was a baptism of fire for Scott Gibbs, the former Swansea and Wales rugby union centre, on his championship *debut and the match at* Wilderspool is unlikely to be any easier. Tommy Hodgkinson, the St Helens hooker, has joined a lengthy casualty list, but Bobby Goulding has been cleared to play at scrum half after a knee injury. Warrington hope to have Allan Bateman, their Wales centre, *available again after a bernia* operation.

WORD WATCHING

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TRIQUE

(b) An Indian people of Oaxaca, Mexico; also the Mixtecan language spoken by them. From the native name. "Trique, Indians of Oaxaca, Mexico, speaking a Mixtecan language. Some Trique men work outside the community as labourers. Trique religion includes Indian and Roman Catholic rites."

YANDY

(a) A long oval dish for winnowing, from the Australian Aboriginal word: "Yandy, tjardoo: long, shallow oval dish, of wood sometimes, but now almost always of sheet-iron, in which mineral is separated from the alluvial rubbish by means of a complicated racking action."

ANGEKOK

(c) An Eskimo sorcerer or medicine-man, from the Aleut: "When a dearth befalls them [sc. Greenlanders] at sea, an Angekok must undertake a journey thither."

MENTAGRA

(a) An eruption about the chin, caused by inflammation of the hair follicles of the beard, sycosis, from the Latin, *mentum* chin + *podagra*. *Medical Glossary*, 1802: "Mentagra is a tetter or ringworm under the chin."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Qxg2+! 2 Kxg2 Nf4+ 3 Kg1 Nh3 mate.

Deauville charm camouflages French problems

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT IN DEAUVILLE

Never is the temptation for a man to be relieved of his money quite as pervading as it is at Deauville, the Normandy seaside resort where the racing set gathers in August.

Should you resist the seductive overtones of the casino and its cabaret, the auctions of fine art and wine, the regular diet of racing or the plethora of expensive restaurants, there is always the Agence Francaise Yearling sale.

Visiting horsemen from Britain, overwhelmed by the charms of Deauville and the auctioneers' hospitality, have often awoken with the vaguest recollection of a triumphant bidding duel the night before. For here, in this quaint location, where the passage of time serves only to enhance the architectural splendour, a posse of domestic trainers annually congregate for a working holiday. This time, however, the work has been more demanding than usual.

Among addicts of the auction circuit, the verdict on the 1994 yearling crop is unfavourable. It seems logical that such an assessment, coupled with the widely-touted crisis in French racing, would precipitate a slump in yearling values. Yet the reverse has prevailed. The two select sessions, reserved for yearlings with international appeal, yielded an average price of FF563,000 (£67,000) for the 94 horses sold. This represents a ten per cent gain on equivalent returns of 12 months ago.

Of course, all so-called crisis are entirely relative. Prize-money levels in France, allied to the lucrative breeders' premium scheme, are the envy of British owners. But where the British racing authorities have succeeded is in their policy of maximising betting turnover. While the Tote monopoly prevalent here affords high prize-money and subsidised racecourse entrance, its role as the sole betting operator has resulted in complacency and inept management.

French racing's experience of the national lottery offers an inherent warning to those who believe the British equivalent will have no discernable effect on betting yield. In contrast to the conservative efforts of the Pari-Mutuel Urbain (French Tote), the lottery's aggressive promotional campaign has paid off. Changes are imminent, both to the French Tote and the authority governing the sport.

The real problems for French racing lie in the dearth of weekday racegoers at the Paris tracks, which provide a quantity of racing that has long since reached saturation point, and the resultant lack of new owners. All French buyers at the yearling sale are long-established patrons who, by and large, do not bid in large amounts. Consequently, it came as no surprise to find that, of the £6.2 million spent at the two-day select auction, only ten per cent was French-sourced.

Flowerdrum's absence from the Prix Morny on Sunday did not hinder bidders for her half-brother by In The Wings, which sold four hours after the race for a sales-topping FF3.1 million (£382,000).

Meanwhile, Maktoum Al-Maktoum's Gainsborough Stud, absent at Keeneland last month, returned to the fray with nine choice acquisitions for an outlay of £1,015,000. Shaikh Mohammed was identified with five purchases but the Shadwell Stud of Shaikh Hamdan, who does not have horses trained in France, played no part.

Although there is much entertainment to be had within Deauville's boundaries, the sales paddocks can themselves be a source of amusement. The Japanese, whose racing industry knows no bounds, are here in abundance, although once again, they have proved reluctant to flex their financial muscles in the auction ring.

Where buying yearlings is concerned, local bloodstock agents bend over backwards to accomodate some of their less conventional demands. One such agent, on uncovering a horse of potential, then has to endure a lengthy wait as his Japanese client diligently consults with his astrology charts. More often than not, the animal's date of birth will denounce it as "an unlucky horse."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FRENCH GRIT
(4.20 Redcar)
Next best: Ziggy's Dancer
(3.00 Brighton)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Chance Bid (right) wins a spirited duel with Rowlandsons Rocks in the Brighton nursery yesterday

Stewards review Smith Eccles report

BY OUR RACING STAFF

STEVE Smith Eccles met the Jockey Club's head of security yesterday to give his version of the newspaper allegations of corruption in racing that appeared under his name at the weekend.

The National Hunt jockey was questioned by Roger Buffham at Portman Square about revelations in a Sunday newspaper which alleged that other riders gambled and stopped horses and also that horses had been nobbled despite dope-testing procedures.

Smith Eccles was asked to substantiate the allegations or risk facing a possible charge of bringing racing into disrepute.

However, yesterday in a racing trade paper report, he apologised for his comments and said he would be "offering an olive branch" to the Jockey Club.

Claiming he had been "stitched up", he said: "I have been a fool — I should not have done it. To blacken the sport's name was the last thing I wanted to do. My God, it's been my life for 20 years and I want to stay in the game."

The Jockey Club would not reveal the details of its interview, but its spokesman, David Pipe, said: "A report will be sent to the stewards and it is up to them whether to take the matter further.

"Steve Smith Eccles has now had the chance to explain his comments and put his case. I hope that all jockeys can learn a lesson from this."

Peter Scudamore, the former champion jump jockey, speaking on Radio Four's *Today* programme yesterday, said he thought Smith Eccles's comments had been "misconstrued".

But he revealed he once received a midnight phone call when he was warned: "If you win on that horse tomorrow, you'll be in big trouble". "Unfortunately, the horse that the caller said I was about to ride, I wasn't actually riding," he said. "The very fact that it only ever happened once in my life proves that it does not really go on. I rode for 13 years, I had as many rides as most jump jockeys and I was in the spotlight for a long time. It was just a drunken phone call late at night."

Fillies to take Sunday slot

THE 1995 running of the Madagans 1,000 Guineas will make history as the first English classic to take place on a Sunday, it was confirmed yesterday.

Following the introduction of a Sunday fixture list, the Newmarket Guineas meeting is now set to run from Friday May 5 to Sunday May 7, and the fillies' classic — held on the opening Thursday prior to the change in the law — now has the Sunday slot. The Newmarket executive initially planned to move the 2,000 Guineas to the Sunday, but this would have caused a clash with the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) at Longchamp.

The Clerk of the course, Nick Lees, said: "Although it was originally intended to run the Madagans 2,000 Guineas on the Sunday as a finale to the three-day Madagans Guineas festival, it was recognised that this could have caused problems for the European pattern race committee with the French equivalent having been scheduled for the same day.

"After consultation with the various interested parties, it was decided that the 1,000 Guineas would become the first British classic to be run on a Sunday."

Lees added: "The 2,000 Guineas will now become the first classic of the season as the highlight of Saturday's card, backed up by the group three Palace House Stakes. The Jockey Club Stakes retains its traditional place on the Friday, the opening day."

REDCAR

THUNDERER
1.50 Ann Hill
2.20 Leave It To Lib
2.50 MISS RITZ (nap)
3.20 Zahalie
3.50 Mr Towser
4.20 French Grit
4.50 Roberty Lea

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 MISS RITZ.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 MAMLAKAH (nap). 3.50 Elflaa. 4.50 Pennine Pink.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.50 RUNSWICK BAY SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,931: 1m 6f 19yd) (16 runners)

1 (4) 821105 GOLD SURPRISE 12 (F,G,S) (J Calvert) S Kettlewell 5-9-13 J Fortune 95
2 (6) 0064 MAGENTA BOY 103 (J Featherstone) G Moore 5-9-7 J Tate (3) 94
3 (1) 205362 ANN HILL 7 (BF,F,G) (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 4-9-3 L Dettori 93
4 (10) 50-0660 KALKO 81J (F) (Mrs S Walker) A Harrison 5-9-0 J Stack (5) 96
5 (5) 500-050 MENA 11 (B) (Mrs V Hillyard) J Payne 4-8-8 G Forster 96
6 (9) 000485 BILBERRY 117 (CD,S) (Kenwick Racing) S Coathup 5-8-7 T Williams 86
7 (12) 100600- KRONPRINZ 340J (G) (Market Rasen Racing) M Chapman 6-8-1 D R McCabe (5) 90
8 (2) 406044 TOP PRIZE 11 (Northgate Lodge Racing Ltd) M Brittain 6-8-1 J Lowe 91
9 (14) 033562 DON'T CRY 12 (Don Enrico Incisa) Don Enrico Incisa 6-8-0 Kim Tinkler 92
10 (15) 0/-600 EUROCON 21 (D,G,S) (W Spink) T Barron 10-8-0 L Charnock —
11 (13) 24U565 VENTURE FOURTH 7 (V) (V Mannis) E Alston 5-7-12 N Varley (5) 91
12 (7) 464005 DIAMOND IN THE DARK 11 (F,G) (Mrs J Taylor) J Norton 6-7-12 R Price 97
13 (8) 000005 LAFKADIO 7 (D,F,G) (Black Diamond Racing Club) M Chapman 7-7-10 N Kennedy 87
14 (11) 400040 FOREST SILK 17 (Mrs N Duffield) R Whitaker 3-7-10 Dale Gibson 99
15 (3) 00/-6 MILO 12 (Mrs M Hills) Mrs V Aconley 8-7-10 D Wright (5) —
16 (16) 000064 DROP THE DONKEY 29 (S Tompkinson) N Bycroft 3-7-7 G Bardwell 87

Long handicap: Drop The Donkey 6-12.

BETTING: 7-2 Don't Cry, 4-1 Gold Surprise, 5-1 Ann Hill, 7-1 Magenta Boy, Top Prize, 8-1 Venture Fourth, 10-1 Kalko, 12-1 others.

1993: CARROLLS MARC 5-10-0 R Cochrane (13-2) P Haslam 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLD SURPRISE best effort beat Nashville Star ½l in 5-runner seller at Hamilton (1m 3f, firm). MAGENTA BOY 10½l 4th of 11 to Goodbye Millie in claimer at Thirsk (1m 4f, firm), with ANN HILL (7lb worse off) 2l 5th and LAFKADIO (33lb better off) about 15l 10th.
ANN HILL 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Bronze Runner in seller at Carlisle (1m 4f, firm), with VENTURE FORTH (24lb better off) about 6l 5th. TOP PRIZE 5l 4th of 16 to Admiral Rous in selling handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm), with DIAMOND IN THE DARK (2lb better off) 3l 5th and MENA (2lb better off) 8l 11th.
DON'T CRY 1½l 2nd of 8 to Noosgen in maiden handicap at Catterick (2m, good). FOREST SILK 5¼l 4th of 8 to Nashville Star in seller at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: DON'T CRY

2.20 FURNITURE FACTORS RACING SCHOOLS HANDICAP
(£2,916: 1m) (12 runners)

1 (6) 22190- BUMAAN 342 (G) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-10-0 Catherine Cooper (4) 85
2 (9) 330630 ALPINE SKIER 23 (S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 3-9-9 M Herrington (4) 85
3 (2) 005443 LEAVE IT TO LIB 11 (D,F) (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 7-9-8 A Garth 96
4 (3) 043610 AVISHAYES 11 (D,F,G) (P Davidson-Brown) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-3 S Copp (4) 96
5 (1) 306604 SUPER SEVE 18 (B,G) (Wensdale Const Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-2 Claire Balding 93
6 (10) 053205 MY GODSON 16 (F,S) (Whitestonecliffe Racing) B Beasley 4-9-0 J Marshall 89
7 (11) 0050-00 GLENVALLY 89 (Mrs M Lingwood) B Murray 3-8-10 S Mulvey 90
8 (8) 00053-0 SUSELJA 16 (J Donald) J Jefferson 3-8-8 D Griffiths 83
9 (4) 500140 OOZLEM 2 (B,D,F) (Mrs W Fallett) R Flower 5-8-1 S Lanigan (4) 96
10 (12) 0-50222 CARLTON EXPRESS 7 (A Skelton) J Eyre 4-8-1 J Tate 99
11 (5) 006046 BRIGADORE GOLD 9 (A Hart) F Lee 4-7-11 M Baird 93
12 (7) 205060 BEDAZZLE 12 (M Bobans) M Brittain 3-7-10 C Teague (4) 95

BETTING: 3-1 Alpine Skier, 7-2 Carlton Express, 4-1 Super Seve, Leave It To Lib, 10-1 Avishayes, Bumaan, 12-1 Oozlem, 14-1 others.

1993: DANCING DOMINO 3-8-8 S Maloney (9-4) M Easterby 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALPINE SKIER 3¼l 3rd of 4 to Princess Muzna in claimer at Ayr (1m 3f, good). LEAVE IT TO LIB 3l and neck 3rd of 16 to Queens Consul in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm), with AVISHAYES about 10l 11th. AVISHAYES beat Father Dan neck in 12-runner lady riders handicap at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start, with OOZLEM (1lb better off) 6¼l 4th. SUPER SEVE about 2¾l 4th of 13 to Lord Oberon in handicap at Haydock (1m, good). OOZLEM best effort beat Prejon 1¾l in 8-runner apprentice jockeys handicap at Brighton (1m, firm). CARLTON EXPRESS neck 2nd of 8 to High Low in handicap at Carlisle (1m, firm).
Selection: CARLTON EXPRESS

2.50 ANDERSONS HANDICAP (£4,302: 7f) (13 runners)

1 (5) 1/04100- SO SO 387 (D,F,S) (6 Martin) T Barron 4-9-11 J Fortune 85
2 (8) 001010 BENEFICIARY 11 (CD,F,G,S) (R Griffin) M H Easterby 3-8-12 J Stack (5) 94
3 (12) 513323 MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 9 (G) (B Cassidy) B Beasley 4-8-9 K Darley 92
4 (9) 13-0030 LUCKY MESSAGE 35 (B,G) (W Armitage) J Etherington 3-8-9 L Dettori 90
5 (3) 300-11 MISS RITZ 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Schreiber) M Johnston 4-8-9 (6ex) J Weaver 99
6 (2) 23-50 SALSKA 74 (J Haverhals) J Glover 3-8-7 Dean McKeown 84
7 (1) 6010-00 SARTIGILA 11 (C,S) (J Lishman) M Hammond 5-8-5 J Marshall (5) 86
8 (6) 63-5040 I REMEMBER YOU 18 (V) (F Lee) F Lee 4-8-2 R Lappin 93
9 (11) 30126/- PERSUASIUS 536J (F) (M Smith) W Barker 6-8-0 L Charnock —
10 (13) 600004 PARFAIT AMOUR 7 (D,F) (Country Lane) R Whitaker 5-7-11 N Carlisle 85
11 (7) 600416 LEGEND DULAC 7 (CD,F,G,S) (B McAllister) J L Harris 5-7-7 Dale Gibson 82
12 (10) 240310 CAPE SOLO 11 (S) (J White) N Bycroft 3-7-7 N Kennedy 92
13 (4) 000503 GLEN MILLER 6 (CD,F) (M Tabish) J Payne 4-7-7 N Varley (5) 90

Long handicap: Legend Dulac 7-6, Cafe Solo 7-5, Glen Miller 7-4

BETTING: 7-2 Miss Ritz, 9-2 Mustn't Grumble, 6-1 Salska, 7-1 Beneficiary, I Remember You, 8-1 Glen Miller, 10-1 Lucky Message, 12-1 others

1993: AMAZING FEAT 4-9-9 R Cochrane (6-1) Mrs M Reveley 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BENEFICIARY beat Comanche Companion 3l in 3-runner rated stakes at Carlisle (7f, hard) on penultimate start. MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 1¾l 3rd of 5 to Warwick Warrior in handicap at Hamilton (6f, firm). LUCKY MESSAGE head and ¾l 3rd of 14 to Parliament Piece in handicap over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start. MISS RITZ completing double, beat Soviet Fashion 4l in 8-runner handicap at Yarmouth (7f, soft). Previously beat Equery 1¾l in 8-runner maiden handicap over the same course and distance (good). LEGEND DULAC beat Tumbling 1½l in 18-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start, with GLEN MILLER (7lb better off) about 13l 13th. GLEN MILLER ½l and neck 3rd of 14 to High Typha in claiming handicap at Salisbury (7f, firm).
Selection: MISS RITZ

3.20 WHITBY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,875: 7f) (3 runners)

1 (1) 321 NEVERENDING 8 (D,F) (S Khaled) H Cecil 8-10 W Ryan 89
2 (3) 2 ZAHAALIE 14 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-10 W R Swinburn 90
3 (2) 61 MAMLAKAH 16 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8 R Hills 99

BETTING: 10-11 Mamlakah, 2-1 Neverending, 5-2 Zahaalie.

1993: ASKERN 8-10 E Johnson (20-1) J Renton 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEVERENDING beat Anam 1¾l in 13-runner maiden at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). Previously neck 2nd of 11 to Waiesiz in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). ZAHAALIE 4l 2nd of 13 to Unanimous Vote in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). MAMLAKAH beat Inisharmon 4l in 17-runner maiden auction at Leicester (7f, good to firm). Previously 4½l 6th of 25 to Masrul in maiden auction at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
Selection: NEVERENDING

3.50 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: 1m 5f 135yd) (10 runners)

1 (2) 4-2200 ELFLAA 14 (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 9-7 R Hills 89
2 (8) 222221 MR TOWSER 27 (G) (Mrs I Gibson) W Haigh 9-6 J Tate (3) 89
3 (10) 04531 RECLUSE 20 (B,F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-4 B Thomson 89
4 (1) 363 FADI 21 (Islands Racing Connection) F Jordan 9-0 J Weaver 88
5 (7) 000211 NEW INN 4 (G) (Mrs C Sharratt) E Weymes 8-11 (4ex) J Marshall (5) 93
6 (4) 00-0425 LOMOND MIST 12 (B) (Mrs M Bird) R Whitaker 8-8 K Darley 91
7 (6) 00-4020 ALTOBY 12 (A Eardley) E Alston 8-8 K Fallon 99
8 (9) 000416 CASUAL WATER 51 (B,BF,F) (G Leatham) M H Easterby 8-5 M Birch 88
9 (3) 063061 LIGHTNING QUEST 7 (F) (J Pickard) J Wainwright 7-7 (4ex) J Fanning 97
10 (5) 000004 BARNPARK 11 (A Carruthers) N Bycroft 7-7 G Bardwell 86

Long handicap: Lightning Quest 7-6, Barnpark, 7-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Recluse, Mr Towser, 5-1 Lightning Quest, 8-1 Barnpark, New Inn, 10-1 others.

1993: MONDRAGON 9-7 J Lowe (9-1) Mrs M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELFLAA best effort 1¾l 2nd of 7 to Northward Hoe in maiden auction at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). MR TOWSER beat Atlantic Way 3½l in 7-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f). RECLUSE beat Sestriere 3l in 8-runner maiden at Brighton (1m 4f, good to firm). FADI neck and short-head 2nd of 7 to Brandwood in maiden auction at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm). NEW INN beat Child Star neck in 11-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 7f). LOMOND MIST 8l 2nd of 5 to Thunderheart in selling related maiden at Beverley (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. ALTOBY 7l 2nd of 6 to Star Master in maiden at Chester (1m 5f 89yd, good to firm) on penultimate start, with RECLUSE (10lb worse off) 10¾l 5th. CASUAL WATER beat Papitsi 2¾l in 6-runner handicap at Catterick (1m 4f, firm) on penultimate start. LIGHTNING QUEST beat Sestriere 11l in 4-runner maiden handicap at Carlisle (1m 6f, firm).
Selection: FADI

4.20 WESTERDALE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,888: 5f) (10 runners)

1 (10) 2 FRENCH GRIT 25 (C Michael Wilson) M Dods 8-10 Dale Gibson 91
2 (1) 0450 TOTAL STRANGER 11 (Total Asset Ltd) T Caldwell 8-7 R Hills 78
3 (8) 53 PURSUANCE 27 (Sprng Hill Stud) J Balding 8-5 J Fortune 62
4 (9) 06534 RYMER'S RASCAL 41 (B Chambers) E Alston 8-5 K Fallon 73
5 (7) 2 DAS ISLAND 20 (BF) (PT Enterprises) J Leddes 8-3 K Darley 77
6 (3) 065403 QUICK THINKER 7 (B) (D Stater) M H Easterby 8-3 S Maloney 67
7 (2) 3462 SALTZ 21 (Mrs J Martin) P Dalton 8-2 J Weaver 99
8 (4) 622 BREAKFAST CREEK 18 (Mrs M Dandy) J Barry 8-1 L Charnock 88
9 (5) 05 NEIGH BOTHER 16 (V) (Fir Trading Ltd) B Murray 8-1 J Lowe —
10 (6) 60 LOCH MARINER 123 (G Griffin) W Barker 7-10 J Fanning —

BETTING: 7-2 French Grit, 9-2 Saltz, 5-1 Das Island, Breakfast Creek, Rymer's Rascal, 6-1 others.

1993: ELEUTHERA 8-9 L Dettori (4-5 fav) D Loder 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FRENCH GRIT 1l 2nd of 11 to Green Palm Tree in maiden at Thirsk (5f, firm). TOTAL STRANGER about 5¾l 5th of 19 to Far Fetched in maiden at Ripon (6f, good) on penultimate start. PURSUANCE 2l and neck 3rd of 7 to Shared Risk in maiden auction at Southwell (AW, 6f). RYMER'S RASCAL 5l 4th of 8 to Muhab in maiden at Hamilton (6f, good to soft). DAS ISLAND 1¾l 2nd of 7 to The Scythian in seller at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm). SALTZ 5l 2nd of 8 to Alami in maiden at Pontefract (6f, good to firm). BREAKFAST CREEK 4l 2nd of 10 to Bajan Rose in maiden auction over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: BREAKFAST CREEK

4.50 MULGRAVE LIMITED STAKES (£2,902: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

1 (7) 22660-0 ROBERTY LEA 11 (F,G,S) (Wensdale Const Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-6 K Darley 91
2 (5) 0-20331 ROUND BY THE RIVER 19 (CD,F,G,S) (W Haigh) W Haigh 5-9-3 Dale Gibson 85
3 (6) 021033 DIPLOMATIST 19 (D,F,S) (M Page) W Jarvis 4-9-1 M Baird (7) 99
4 (3) 0521-2 TRANS SIBERIA 142 (G) (H Lasla) S Woods 3-8-12 W Woods 90
5 (4) 313112 PENNINE PINK 12 (BF,D,F,G) (Cheveley Park) M Prescott 3-8-11 W R Swinburn 93
6 (1) 104100 PHYLIAN 26 (D,F) (Mrs M Southcott) S Williams 3-8-11 L Dettori 98
7 (2) 35255 TRES CHER 20 (B) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-7 B Thomson 85

BETTING: 3-1 Trans Siberia, 4-1 Diplomatist, 9-2 Roberty Lea, Pennine Pink, 5-1 Tres Cher, 7-1 others.

1993: SHIRLEY ROSE 3-8-8 L Dettori (9-4 fav) M Johnston 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROBERTY LEA 13l 8th of 14 to Isle of Pearls in handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good). ROUND BY THE RIVER beat High Low short-head in 8-runner claimer over course and distance (good). DIPLOMATIST 1¾ 3rd of 15 to Courour in handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, firm) on penultimate start. TRANS SIBERIA beaten 25l in match with Khamaseen for conditions race at Nottingham (1m 2f, soft). PENNINE PINK beat Potaclose ¾l in apprentice jockeys rated stakes at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PHYLIAN best recent effort beat Knock Knock 3l in 5-runner rated stakes at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to firm). TRES CHER best effort 1¾l 2nd of 14 to Taufan's Melody in maiden at Goodwood (1m 1f, firm).
Selection: PHYLIAN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Prescott	10	38	26.3	L Dettori	13	68	19.1
W Jarvis	6	24	25	K Darley	45	239	18.8
H Thomson Jones	10	44	22.7	W Ryan	14	87	16.1
M Stoute	7	32	21.9	J Marshall	5	31	16.1

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

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Ritto at Tralee

THE Barry Hills-trained Ritto runs in today's £20,000 Carling Gold Cup Handicap over 14 furlongs at Tralee (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Fourth to Captain Jack at Newbury 12 days ago, Ritto carries top weight against 11 opponents.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Pontefract

Going: good to firm

2.45 (6f) 1, BLUE GRIT (J Weaver, 6-1). 2, Old Comrades (J Fortune, 9-1). 3, Taffeta Silk (L Dettori, 11-2 fav). 4, Karinska (D R McCabe, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Fighter Squadron, 8 Grey Charmer, 9 Our Shadee, The Sharp Bidder (6th), 14 Matisse, 16 Birchwood Sun, Cretan Gift (5th), Miss Pigalle, 20 Lilah Darak, Wilshe Gan, 25 Chadwell Hall, 33 Evanro, Hall Bank Cottage, Savahra Sound. 18 ran. ¾l, sh hd, 1¾l, hd, 2l. M Dods at Darlington. Tote: £7.00, £1.70, £3.20, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £62.50. Trio: £113.80. CSF: £59.69. Tricast: £296.42.

3.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, COOL LUKE (M Tebbutt, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Karon Beach (R Hills, 11-2); 3, Atherton Green (Dean McKeown, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav North Ardar (5th), 8 Carapelle (6th), 10 Hacker (BEL), 12 Blues Bay, Britannia Mills, 14 Blazing Honda (4th), Civil Law, 20 Buzzards Hall, 33 Gemzahl, My Lindianne, 50 Desirable Miss, 100 Vanano. 15 ran. ¾l, ½l, 1¾l, 1½l, ¾l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £5.30; £2.30, £2.00, £2.20. DF: £15.60. CSF: £26.85. Winner bought in for 6,200 gns.

3.45 (6f) 1, ALAMI (R Hills, 4-9 fav). 2, Katya (J Weaver, 4-1); 3, Wigberto (L Dettori, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Question Ali (5th), 100 Mister Fire Eyes (4th). 5 ran. 6l, 1¾l, ¾l, ¾l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.77.

4.15 (2m 1f 216yd) 1, NON VINTAGE (K Fallon, 40-1); 2, Jack Button (M Wigham, Evens jt-fav); 3, Bardolph (T Quinn, Evens jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 66 Ozzie Jones (disq). 4 ran. 1½l, 1l. M Chapman at Market Rasen. Tote: £16.10. DF: £6.90. CSF: £72.59. After stewards inquiry Ozzie Jones was disqualified for intentional interference.

4.45 (6f) 1, DELIGHT OF DAWN (J Stack, 3-1 fav). 2, Pierre Bosco (W Woods, 4-1); 3, Miss Zanzibar (S Maloney, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Jackatack (5th), 9 Tee Tee Too (4th), Water Bebe (6th), 12 Runforaction, Saint Amigo, Sandmoor Velvet, 14 Hanging Judge, Hars of To Hilda, 16 Lady Davenport, 25 Mister Westsound, 50 Fools Millyons. 14 ran. Nk, ½l, nk, ½l, 1l. K Ivory at Radlett. Tote: £4.40; £1.20, £2.00, £8.50. DF: £10.20. Trio: £825.50 (pool of £348.81 carried forward to fifth race at Brighton today). CSF: £15.69. Tricast: £198.23.

5.15 (1m 4yd) 1, MO-ADDAB (M Roberts, 2-1 fav); 2, Queens Consul (M Fenton, 6-1); 3, Pride Of Pendle (Alex Greaves, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Diggers Well, 8 Celestial Choir (5th), 9 Nashville Blues, Self Expression (4th), 10 Tumbling, 14 Nobby Barnes, 16 Spanish Verdict (6th). 10 ran. NR: Amber Valley, Mentalasanythin. Nk, ¾l, 1½l, hd, 2½l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £3.30, £1.70, £2.60, £2.50. DF: £10.80. Trio: £28.90. CSF: £15.29. Tricast: £96.27.

Placepot: £537.50. Quadpot: not won (*pool of £242.20 carried forward to Brighton today*).

Brighton

Going: firm

2.30 (5f 59yd) 1, SALLY SLADE (J Reid, 6-5 fav). 2, Super Sonata (P Robinson, 7-2). 3, Sweet Water (W Ryan, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 Cuckooland (4th), 50 Selari Tango (5th). 5 ran. 2½l, hd, 1½l, 7l. C Cyzer at Horsham. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.67. After stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.00 (5f 59yd) 1, MIDWICH CUCKOO (Pat Eddery, 8-11 fav); 2, Jilal (W Carson, 7-1); 3, Time Is Money (P Robinson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Our Daring Boy (4th). 4 ran. 1½l, 3½l, 2½l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £1.60. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.22.

3.30 (6f 209yd) 1, CHANCE BID (G Duffield, 7-1); 2, Rowlandsons Rocks (B Doyle, 8-1); 3, Aqua Rigia (J Quinn, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Flying Girl, 7-2 Polly Garter (5th), 11-2 Moonee Valley (4th), 33 Mrs Tigger, Sorisky (6th). 8 ran. Nk, 5l, 3½l, hd, 2½l. Mark Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £8.00; £1.70, £2.20, £1.50. DF: £43.90. CSF: £56.28. Tricast: £286.61.

4.00 (6f 209yd) 1, THE LITTLE FERRET (B Rouse, 12-1); 2, Walnut Burl (J Reid, 9-2). 3, Top Pet (A Clark, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Java Queen (pu), 5 Asaib, 6 Fort Knox (4th), 8 Balandra Bay (5th), 12 Royal Insignia, 20 Gone To Pot (6th). 9 ran. 4l, ¾l, 3l, 1¾l, 8l. G L Moore at Epsom. Tote: £15.10; £2.60, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £28.10. Trio: £41.50. CSF: £63.81. Tricast: £265.30.

4.30 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, CALL ME ALBI (L Suthern, 6-4 fav). 2, La Belle Shyanne (D Griffiths, 10-1); 3, The Frog Lady (Aimee Cook, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Bird Of The Wind (4th), 10 Vintage Times (sl), 50 Lucy Tufty (5th). 6 ran. NR: Minster's Madam, Volterra. Hd, ½l, 2½l. G L Moore at Epsom. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £2.90. DF: £12.30. CSF: £14.18. Tricast: £26.46.

5.00 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, ROMAN REEL (B Rouse, 3-1). 2, Bahrain Star (J Reid, 9-1); 3, Ikis Girl (M Hills, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Ruby Heights, 8 All The Joys, Wonderful Day (4th), Yo Kiri-B (6th), 33 Lon Isa (5th). 8 ran. 1½l, 5l, 1½l, 3l, 6l. G L Moore at Epsom. Tote: £7.40; £3.20, £2.10, £1.20. DF: £37.30. CSF: £29.24.

Jackpot: £10,382.60.
Placepot: £196.30. Quadpot: £63.50.

□ So Sedulous ran well to finish fourth in the Listed Prix de Lieurey at Deauville yesterday. Honours went to the Andre Fabre-trained favourite, Desert Kaya, ridden by Thierry Jarnet.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER
2.0 Thick As Thieves. 2.30 Quantity Surveyor. 3.00 Ziggy's Dancer. 3.30 Code Of Silence. 4.00 Sugar Town. 4.30 Wild Strawberry.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 NEWHAVEN NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,924: 5f 59yd) (8 runners)

101 (8) 1454 CATS BOTTOM 7 (D,F) D Cosgrove 9-7 L Newton (5) 92
102 (1) 4101 THICK AS THIEVES 13 (D,F,G) R Thompson 9-1 C Rutter 97
103 (5) 15 NORDESTA 72 (D,S) M Channon 9-1 T Quinn 89
104 (6) 2622 SILK COTTAGE 9 (BF) R Whitaker 8-8 A Culhane 99
105 (4) 0403 THAT MAN AGAIN 9 G Lewis 8-7 S Whitworth 98
106 (7) 0213 LADY QUINTA 27 (D,G) J Berry 8-5 J Carroll 91
107 (2) 0320 SIDDONS IN MAY 12 C Hill 8-1 J Quinn 86
108 (3) 3654 JUST JESTING 12 G L Moore 7-11 A Whelan (7) 91

9-4 That Man Again, 11-4 Silk Cottage, 3-1 Lady Quinta, 7-1 others.

2.30 SADDLESCOMBE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,387: 7f 214yd) (10)

201 (9) 4511 BLOCKADE 18 (D,F,G,S) M Bell 5-9-7 M Fenton (3) 95
202 (C) 4120 QUANTITY SURVEYOR 11 (D,F,G,S) R Akehurst 5-9-3 T Quinn 98
203 (8) 0 CITY RHYTHM 15 J Bradley 4-8-11 K Rutter (3) —
204 (5) 0300 SURREY RACING 13 (C,F,G) G L Moore 6-8-11 B Rouse 90
205 (6) 4000 BELFORT RULER 7 (F) B Gubby 7-8-9 A Whelan (7) 90
206 (4) /-00 RAW HEALTH 51 J Bradley 4-8-9 N Adams —
207 (7) 5440 TOUT DE VAL 15 K Bishop 5-8-8 R Perham 71
208 (3) 0001 CINDY'S STAR 11 (V,D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-6 M Roberts 89
209 (1) 1105 DIACO 15 (CD,F,G) M Jarvis 9-8-5 Pat Eddery 99
210 (10) 0603 MATHANDAN 16 B Palling 3-8-2 T Sprake 92

9-4 Blockade, 11-4 Quantity Surveyor, 5-1 Cindy's Star, 8-1 Surrey Racing, Belfort Ruler, 10-1 Mathandan, 12-1 Diaco, 14-1 others

3.00 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,028: 6f 209yd) (5)

301 (3) 1005 SECUNDUS 30 (C,D,F,S) B Meehan 9-6 B Doyle 93
302 (1) 4321 DOME PATROL 176 (D,G) W Muir 9-3 Pat Eddery 89
303 (4) 2110 MISS SPRINGTIME 12 (BF,D,F,G) M Prescott 9-1 G Duffield 96
304 (5) 6334 ZIGGY'S DANCER 7 R Armstrong 9-0 M Roberts 97
305 (2) 0020 BROOKHEAD LADY 7 (F,S) P Evans 8-9 D Holland 99

6-4 Miss Springtime, 9-4 Ziggy's Dancer, 4-1 Dome Patrol, 5-1 others

3.30 GEORGE ROBEY CHALLENGE TROPHY SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,174: 6f 209yd) (16)

401 (16) 0000 SAXON HEIR 4 (B,C,G) M Usher 8-2 R Street 95
402 (11) 0 CHANCE ME 123 W Haggas 8-11 M Hills —
403 (14) 6402 CODE OF SILENCE 16 B Palling 8-11 Stephen Davies (3) 96
404 (1) 0650 FALSE PRETENCES 7 J Mullins 8-11 D Holland 99
405 (9) 0064 GUEST ALLIANCE 11 A Moore 8-11 Candy Morris 88
406 (12) 5000 MO'S MAIN MAN 56 G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery 98
407 (13) 000 RESOLUTE 19 (B) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 J Quinn —
408 (2) 0650 SINGLETON BARN 8 C Allen 8-11 E Guest 87
409 (8) 00 VAIGLY EFFICIENT 20 M McCormack 8-11 A Clark —
410 (3) 0 CHASTLETON 14 M Channon 8-6 C Rutter —
411 (10) 06 FLATFORD PRINCESS 8 G L Moore 8-6 B Rouse 89
412 (5) 05 IT'S A RELIEF 21 I Campbell 8-6 C Hodgson (3) 84
413 (7) 004 LADY TUMBLEWEED 8 B Meehan 8-6 M Roberts 93
414 (6) 0 MISS TOFFEE NOSE 6 D Cosgrove 8-6 M Wigham 85
415 (4) 505 NEVER SO RITE 11 D Arbuthnot 8-6 T Quinn 81
416 (15) WARRIOR LADY P McBride 8-6 M Fenton (3) —

7-2 Code Of Silence, 9-2 Mo's Main Man, 6-1 Guest Alliance, 10-1 others.

4.00 ROTTINGDEAN FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,054: 1m 3f 196yd) (12)

501 (12) 200 DERNIER CRI 14 R Hannon 3-10-0 Pat Eddery 99
502 (4) 0041 EXHIBIT AIR 8 (B,C,D,F,G) R Akehurst 4-9-11 (5ex) T Quinn 98
503 (10) 4124 SUGAR TOWN 22 (F,S) P Cole 3-9-8 T G McLaughlin (5) 87
504 (8) 0110 PRINCESS MUZNA 16 (F,G) B Hills 3-9-8 D Holland 91
505 (7) 0350 LAVENDER COTTAGE 18 (B,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-7 A Mackay 93
506 (9) 2515 ROCQUAINE BAY 11 (D,F) M Bolton 7-9-5 M Roberts 89
507 (5) 5131 RISKY TU 12 (D,G) P Kelleway 3-9-1 Adelle Gibbons (7) 91
508 (3) 6005 YOUR CARE 14 G L Moore 3-8-12 B Rouse 82
509 (1) 3421 RED DANCER 12 (B,D,G) M Bell 3-8-12 M Fenton (3) 90
510 (2) 000 NEVER SILENT 12 B Meehan 3-8-9 R Cochrane 96
511 (6) 000 PERHAPS 16 M Prescott 3-8-6 G Duffield —
512 (11) 0002 MASURI KABISA 6 H Collingridge 3-7-10 J Quinn 94

7-2 Exhibit Air, 6-1 Risky Tu, Sugar Town, Red Dancer, 7-1 others

4.30 BRIGHTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£2,717: 1m 1f 209yd) (13)

601 (4) 0311 CAST THE LINE 20 (V,D,F,G) A Stewart 4-11-7 Mr V Lukaniuk 92
602 (12) 6014 CREDIT SQUEEZE 20 (BF,D,F,G) R Johnson Houghton 4-11-2 Miss E Johnson Houghton 95
603 (9) 0302 BRANDONHURST 16 (F,G) I Balding 4-11-1 Mr A Balding 99
604 (8) 020- WILD STRAWBERRY 209J (F,G) Miss B Sanders 5-10-11 Mr T Cuff 90
605 (1) 3418 STRAT'S LEGACY 28 (B,CD,F,G) D Arbuthnot 7-9-9 Mrs D Arbuthnot 98
606 (7) 3065 OUR BESSIE 12 M Bell 3-9-6 Miss A Harwood 96
607 (5) 5-00 LER CRU 4 (F) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-9-4 Mr S Findlay (5) 83
608 (2) 3350 DON'T DROP BOMBS 11 (G) P Felden 5-9-0 Mr R C Owen 92
609 (10) 5461 CONE LANE 21 (C,F,G) B Gubby 8-9-0 Mrs M Busby 93
610 (11) 0340 BRAVE HERO 12 C Cyzer 4-9-0 Mr K Santana 94
611 (6) 0506 KENYATTA 18 (G) A Moore 5-9-0 Mrs J Moore (5) 90
612 (3) 4324 DOTS DEE 12 (BF,F) J Bradley 5-9-0 Mrs L Pearce 87
613 (13) 0-40 BACK TO FORM 12 W Turner 9-9-0 Mrs C Price (5) 70

3-1 Cast The Line, 7-2 Brandonhurst, 9-2 Credit Squeeze, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Armstrong, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; B Meehan, 8 from 27, 29.6%; M Prescott, 18 from 71, 25.4%; M Jarvis, 11 from 44, 25.0%; B Hills, 8 from 32, 25.0%; J Berry, 7 from 30, 23.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 24 winners from 96 rides, 25.0%; Stephen Davies, 7 from 30, 23.3%; M Roberts, 30 from 131, 22.9%; G Duffield, 22 from 116, 19.0%; T Quinn, 43 from 244, 17.6%.

EXETER

THUNDERER
2.10 Greenback. 2.40 Qualitair Memory. 3.10 Land Of The Free. 3.40 Sophism. 4.10 Crosula. 4.40 Its Unbelievable. 5.10 Road To Au Bon.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.10 MARSH BARTON JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,264: 2m 1f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 F21 GREENBACK 13 (D,S) P Hobbs 11-3 Peter Hobbs
2 DANIELLE HABIBI 46F C Elsey 10-7 M Richards
3 FABULOUS PRINCESS 4F C Popham 10-7 J R Kavanagh
4 5 FAIRFIELD DANCER 13 R Baker 10-7 J Osborne
5 LADY EXECUTIVE 54F P McEntee 10-7 W Elderfield
6 RADIANT DANCER 9F R Phillips 10-7 J Railton

4-6 Greenback, 4-1 Fabulous Princess, 6-1 Danielle Habibi, 8-1 Fairfield Dancer, 10-1 Lady Executive, 16-1 Radiant Dancer.

2.40 COUNTESS WEAR SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,910: 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

1 33-0 VA UTU 18 (D,BF,F,G) M Channon 6-11-10 Lorna Vincent
2 S-12 QUALITAIR MEMORY 18 (D,F,G,S) A Jones 5-11-0 S McNeill
3 /- LIZZY LONGSTOCKING 1405 (CD,F) W G Turner 12-10-9 Tracy Turner
4 P-22 COMMANCHERO 13 (BF,G) R Hodges 7-10-8 R Dunwoody
5 -524 SEVEN SONS 7 (F,G) W Turner 7-10-6 N Williamson
6 2P-5 DOMINION TREASURE 13 (D,G,S) R Baker 9-10-4 L Harvey
7 -333 FAIR ENCHANTRESS 7 (B) J Bennett 6-10-0 C Llewellyn
8 U50- CHICKABIDDY 144 (C,G) G Edwards 6-10-0 M A Fitzgerald
9 0-36 BAYBEEJAY 11 (G) R Brotherton 7-10-0 T Jenks (3)
10 PP-P GILBERT 13 (C,F) D Carey 6-10-0 B Powell
11 50P- BOXING MATCH 97 (G) J Bradley 7-10-0 R Farrant (3)
12 PFP- JEAN BRODIE 126 H Howe 4-10-0 Guy Lewis (5)

9-4 Qualitair Memory, 5-2 Commanchero, 5-1 Seven Sons, 10-1 Va Utu, Dominion Treasure, 12-1 Fair Enchantress, 14-1 Lizzy Longstocking, 16-1 others.

3.10 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE NOVICES CHASE
(£3,275: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 0/0- KINGOFSPANCILHILL 105P R Curtis 7-11-0 D Morris
2 R0-U CORPUS 13 R Hodges 5-10-11 A Tory
3 4-UP DARINGLY 11 (G) R Manners 5-10-11 N Williamson
4 46-3 LAND OF THE FREE 13 (F,S) R Baker 5-10-6 J Osborne

1-2 Land of The Free, 3-1 Daringly, 7-1 Corpus, 14-1 Kingofspancilhill.

3.40 WILLIAM HILL GOLDEN OLDIES STAKES
(Invitation race: £1,551: 1m 5f) (10)

1 /- GUSHY 165P R Baker 8-12-7 Bob Davies
2 B06- BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 285 B Millman 5-12-4 Rod Millman
3 223- MY SWAN SONG 110 (F,G) J Smith 9-12-4 Peter Smith
4 /4-P TIGER CLAW 11 (B,F,G) A Barrow 8-12-4 Mike Gallemore
5 P-63 BRAVO STAR 11 (F,B) F Murphy 9-12-0 Colin Brown
6 44P- DICKINS 51F (V) P McEntee 4-12-0 Phil McEntee
7 P-5F ON THE LEDGE 7 H Manners 4-12-0 Tony Biddlecombe
8 3-11 SOPHISM 6 (F,S) M Pipe 5-12-0 Jeff King
9 P00- WESSEX MILORD 131 J Bennett 9-12-0 Graham Thorner
10 P-R4 SHIMMERING SCARLET 7 (BF,F,G) R Buckler 6-11-13 Chris Broad

2-1 Sophism, 5-2 My Swan Song, 7-2 Shimmering Scarlet, 8-1 Bravo Star, 12-1 Tiger Claw, 14-1 On The Ledge, 16-1 others.

4.10 WESTCOUNTRY TELEVISION HANDICAP CHASE (£3,534. 2m 6f 110yds) (6)

1 13-1 RABA RIBA 7 (F,G) J Spearing 9-12-6 (6ex) D Bridgwater
2 215- CROSULA 106 (F,S) M Pipe 6-11-1 R Dunwoody
3 23-3 DOONLOUGHAN 13 (F,G) G Balding 9-11-0 R Davis (3)
4 3U1- OCEAN LINK 100 (F,G,S) R Alner 10-10-8 S Earle
5 1U5- WINTER'S LANE 113 (F,G,S) S Pike 10-10-7 A Maguire
6 40-3 BARTONDALE 7 (F,G,S) J Bradley 9-10-0 R Farrant (3)

5-2 Raba Riba, 11-4 Ocean Link, 3-1 Doonloughan, 7-2 Crosula, 8-1 Winter's Lane, 33-1 Bartondale.

4.40 JOHN & RUTH BAKER MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,612: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 12-6 C D SHAREPLAN 18 (D,F) M Channon 4-11-10 Lorna Vincent
2 011- ITS UNBELIEVABLE 58F (C,D,F) J White 4-10-13 A Maguire
3 5-32 CORRIN HILL 13 (S) (BF,D) R Hodges 7-10-10 R Dunwoody
4 566- FAUX PAVILLON 81 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Retter 10-10-10 M A Fitzgerald
5 40-5 JUST ROSIE 25 (F) (C,D) A Jones 5-10-7 S McNeill
6 OF5- FROSTY RECEPTION 106 (B,CD,(F) R Baker 9-10-0 M Perrett

9-4 Corrin Hill, 3-1 Its Unbelievable, 4-1 C D Shareplan, 5-1 Faux Pavilion, 7-1 Frosty Reception, 10-1 Just Rosie.

5.10 CREDITON NOVICES' HURDLE
(£2,327: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 F-51 SINGERS IMAGE 6F (V,F) G Balding 5-11-5 B Clifford
2 0- BLACK HEDGES 133 R Frost 7-11-0 J Frost
3 0P-6 FAWLEY FLYER 11 W Turner 5-11-0 R Dunwoody
4 00-4 RHOMAN FUN 13 C Ham 5-11-0 B Powell
5 06-3 ROAD TO AU BON 11 R Baker 6-11-0 M Perrett
6 P- KILLY'S FILLY 86F J Bradley 4-10-6 R Farrant (3)

7-4 Singers Image, 3-1 Road To Au Bon, 4-1 Rhoman Fun, 5-1 Fawley Flyer, 7-1 Black Hedges, 12-1 Killy's Filly

COURSE SPECIALISTS

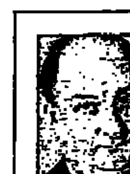
TRAINERS: M Pipe, 76 winners from 236 runners, 32.2%; P Hobbs, 22 from 96, 22.9%; G Balding, 11 from 52, 21.2%; J White, 5 from 26, 19.2%; Mrs J Retter, 12 from 66, 18.2%; R Alner, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 20 from 88, 22.7%; Peter Hobbs, 13 from 60, 21.7%; J Osborne, 6 from 28, 21.4%; B Clifford, 5 from 30, 16.7%; Lorna Vincent, 5 from 31, 16.1%; M A Fitzgerald, 14 from 89, 15.9%.

Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 3.30 Saxon Heir. 4.30 Strat's Legacy. REDCAR: 2.50 Lucky Message. 3.50 Casual Water. Lomond Mist. 4.50 Tres Cher.

Irwin relishes central role in sporting spectacle



DAVID MILLER

At the Commonwealth Games

While Linford Christie almost condescendingly sweeps in and out of Victoria for three days, anxious to return to the dollar-spinning treadmill in Europe, there is a host of less prominent competitors and coaches doing their bit to uphold England's reputation in the Commonwealth Games. Ian Irwin is one of them.

Born on Ambleside in 1943, living at Windermere, he has given a lifetime one way and another to boxing. He is definitive of those in sport who unostentatiously serve the community, giving more than they take, and without whom, over a century, the fabric and achievement of British sport would not be what it has been and, more or less, still is.

In 1989, Irwin became the Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) chief national coach in succession to the esteemed Kevin Hickey. Late last night — early this morning Wednesday BST — Irwin was hoping to help steer Danny Williams, a super-heavyweight, and Peter Richards, a light-welterweight, through to the semi-finals of their events and, at worst, a bronze medal.

"I've enjoyed the spin-offs," Irwin said — and he did not mean money. "The disciplines of the sport, the fairness, the obedience to regulations, the company, they are the things that have made it worthwhile."

Irwin is not your army staff sergeant type of boxing figure, all bark and bite, but has the sensitivities of someone moulded as man and child by the forces of nature in the Lake District. If boxing ever needs to justify itself to some government inquiry, this weathered pebble of a man, soft yet hard, should be on the panel.

He considers that the new push-button computer judging system introduced by the international federation, under the direction of its president, Professor Anwar Chowdhry, of Pakistan, has radically improved the sport's safety: "The days of 'impression' judging are gone," he said. "You don't now get anything for just going forward, making the initiative, only for landing blows on the target when three of the five judges simultaneously press the button within one second."

The consequence of this, Irwin emphasised, is that it will develop a long range, tactical style of boxing, rather than the brawling, swinging, slugging type of bout beloved of blood-thirsty crowds but exposing fighters to serious damage. The new system will oblige boxers to develop more defensive skills so that they avoid the points-scoring blows. The system will also reveal, through the computer, the prejudiced judge out of synchronisation with the rest.

Irvin Buhlalu, one of South Africa's promising lightweights, lost to Michael Strange, of Canada, in what would have been considered a scandalous decision a few years ago after attacking flat out, but simply because he waded into his opponent while leaving himself exposed to accurate counter-punching.

Irwin was a run-of-the-mill middleweight as a young man, then ran his own club, Windermere ABC, for some years before becoming regional coach for the North West for five years. In 1979, he was appointed staff coach on the ABA and now he is responsible for the international programme of seniors, under-19 and youth boxers. You sense that the sport is in good hands.

Quite apart from his knowledge and experience of the ring, Irwin does his best to prevent fighters rushing too quickly into the professional arena, conscious that so many of them fail to find the rainbow's end, desert a regular job and end up worse off than they were as dignified amateurs.

"The art of boxing is being able to defend yourself," he said, "and the new judging develops accuracy on the one hand, but also means the boxer cannot stand in the middle of the ring and take shots out of sheer bravado. He has to be able to defend himself better than in the past."

Bowlers put off course by bumpy reception

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES

LISTENING to conversations at the Commonwealth Games bowls championships in Victoria, the word which crops up most frequently is "bump".

When used by competitors watching their woods finish short of their intended destination, the word is usually preceded by an expletive and followed by a grimace.

The uneven, pockmarked surface of the greens at the Juan de Fuca recreation centre causes bowls to jump alarmingly en route to the jack, slowing them down, and leaving them stranded, yards away from the target.

Laid from seed only two years ago, the four greens, with 24 rinks, were superb for the Pacific Games last year, but were attacked by a strain of fusarium, the grass disease, during the winter, and have clearly deteriorated.

"It's very frustrating when you play a bowl at what you consider to be the right speed, only to see it hit a bump and stop two yards short," Adrian Welch, 20, a Channel Islander, said after being beaten 25-20 by the former British champion, Will Thomas.

"Worse still," Welch added, "you put two yards on your next delivery, miss the bumps, and finish yards through. It makes good players look stupid."

Welch, it seems, voiced the opinion of all the competitors — even the winners. The widespread criticism represents a *volte face* from last week's warm approval of the greens during practice.

Gary Smith and Andy Thomson lost heavily to the Australian pair, Cameron Curtis and Rex Johnson, on Monday, and had a day off yesterday. Today, they resume their challenge against Hong Kong and Guernsey.

Norma Shaw's 25-21 win over the women's world singles champion, Margaret Johnston, installed her as favourite to qualify for the gold medal play-off. Tony Allcock, the world champion, and Richard Corsie, whom he beat for the title at Worthing, were expected to contest the men's singles final.

Muggeridge at her best can increase medal tally

FROM RICHARD EATON

THERE is a strong feeling within the England badminton squad that another good performance from Joanne Muggeridge, whose win in the team final was probably the most vital in the Commonwealth champion's successful defence of the title, could see her in with a chance of another gold medal.

The women's singles, which started yesterday, is the most open and unpredictable of all the events and, while Zarinah Abdullah is a justifiable top seed, there is unprecedented pressure upon her to deliver. She is said to be on incentive bonuses totalling about $100,000 (£66,000), and there is also a considerable amount of honour involved as no player from Singapore has yet achieved a noteworthy badminton title.

Whether Abdullah will play better with such pressure bearing down upon her is a matter for question. Muggeridge is in her half and seeded to reach the semi-finals with a good draw. If the England No 1 plays at her creative best, she will certainly be dangerous, although unfortunately nobody, not even Muggeridge herself, seems sure when this is going to happen.

Scotland also have hopes of their best player doing well in the women's singles. Anne Gibson was one of those that they had in mind when Fiona McEwan, the manager, made their collective protest the week before last at the exclusion of all Scottish players from the seedings, and the woman from Dumfries has encouraged belief that the action may have been justified with a bold win over Leong Yeng Cheng, of Malaysia, in the team event.

Gibson is in the same half of the draw as the English national champion, Suzanne Louis Lane, whose form has been unexciting here so far and who may not find it easy to live up to a seeding that says she should win the bronze medal.

Gillingham grasps emotional victory

FROM CRAIG LORD IN VICTORIA

ADAM BUTLER



Gillingham powers through the water on the way to capturing a gold medal in the 200m breaststroke in Victoria yesterday

IN ANGER and in sorrow, Nick Gillingham ploughed over the pain of defeat in 1990 to win his first Commonwealth title and fulfil a promise made to his dying father last winter of victory here in the 200 metres breaststroke.

His emotions spilled out of the Saanich pool after his success. A glance at the scoreboard that flashed 2min 12.54sec — the fastest time in the world this year and a Games record — was Gillingham's cue to jump on to the starting block that provided a platform to display the two sides to his nature.

His clenched fists joined in prayer, Gillingham turned his face to the heavens, blocking out the roar of a large English contingent for a fleeting moment of gentle contemplation. His promise to his late father, Frank, delivered, he pointed a graceless two-fingered gun towards the broadcast media in a gesture aimed at critics he had described as "detrimental to British swimming".

But refined talent, not nature, is what sets Gillingham apart, and neither the sideshow on the deck nor the tears that accompanied "Land of Hope and Glory" could rival the entertainment of his performance in the water.

From dive to drive home, Gillingham, 27, led a line-up that included Philip Rogers, from Australia, who touched out Gillingham to win the 100 metres by 0.03sec on Friday and who holds the world short-course records at 100 and 200 metres, and Jon Cleveland, the Canadian who won the title in 1990, beating the Englishman into third place.

Only on the third length did Rogers threaten the half-a-second lead Gillingham had opened up on the first of the four lengths. After the last turn, Gillingham's fluid, gliding action held until the closing 15 metres, when fatigue caused his stroke to shorten. By that time, revenge over Rogers was all but complete and the Australian finished more than a second adrift, with Cleveland a distant third.

Gillingham dedicated his medal to his father and said: "That promise among other things put me under a lot of pressure. I could have gone out easy, hung back and taken them on from there, but I didn't want to take any chances. So I went for it."

His determination has been long-standing. "I've been a pig to live with all year," Gillingham said, admitting that success comes from a self-motivation that borders on selfishness. "It's a sort of defence against the press and pressure — I've been a real animal in training and whenever I've raced as well."

When his father died on February 8 this year, Gillingham turned to Mike Barrowman, the American who had beaten him to win the Olympic title at Barcelona, as an example of strength. Barrowman's father had died two months before Barcelona.

Winning here was more important than the time for Gillingham, though that has given him confidence for the 200 metres at the world championships in Rome two weeks from his swim yesterday.

After that, Gillingham will start to prepare for the Olympic Games in Atlanta by taking a well-earned rest from competition next summer. That means he will not defend the European title he has won at a record three successive championships. In May, he will marry his fiancée, Louise, at the church in Walsall where they were baptised.

While England was celebrating its fourth title, Australia had welcomed its sixteenth by the close of racing after winning all the titles yesterday except the one that went Gillingham's way. The outstanding swims came from Kieren Perkins and Samantha Riley, both of whom threatened world records.

Perkins, the Olympic champion at 1,500 metres freestyle, won the 400 metres in 3min 45.77sec, a Games record and only 0.77sec outside the world record set at Barcelona by Evgeni Sadovyi, of Russia.

Riley's 1min 08.02sec, another Games record, was just 0.11 outside the time Silke Hoerner set for the former East Germany during what Don Talbot, head of the Australian team, called the "drugs-assisted era".

Australia's domination continued in the men's 4 x 100m freestyle relay, in which England finished third.

Meanwhile, Kerry Shacklock, 22, from Wokingham, Berkshire, collected silver medals in the solo and duet synchronised swimming events.

MEDALS TABLE

	G	S	B	T
Australia	32	20	19	71
Canada	23	17	15	55
England	10	16	16	42
New Zealand	3	8	5	16
India	1	2	5	8
Scotland	1	2	4	7
Nigeria	1	3	0	4
Sri Lanka	1	1	0	2
Cyprus	1	0	1	2
Northern Ireland	1	0	1	2
Wales	0	3	0	3
Malaysia	0	1	0	1
Hong Kong	0	0	3	3
Pakistan	0	0	2	2
South Africa	0	0	2	2
Guernsey	0	0	1	1
Zimbabwe	0	0	1	1

All times BST

ATHLETICS: 17.05: decathlon 110m hurdles. 18.00: decathlon discus. 19.00: men's 200m heats. 19.45: men's discus qualifying. 20.00: decathlon pole vault. 20.35: women's 400m hurdles semi-finals. 21.05: men's 400m hurdles semi-finals. 21.35: women's 800m semi-finals. 21.55: men's 800m semi-finals. 22.35: women's 200m heats. 22.55: decathlon javelin. 23.05: men's 200m heats. 00.05: women's 10,000m final, men's long jump qualifying. 01.05: decathlon 1,500m. 01.35: men's 5,000m final.

OTHER SPORTS: 15.00: shooting. 16.30: bowls. 17.00: shooting, swimming. 17.20: swimming. 17.35: swimming. 17.55: swimming. 18.10: swimming. 19.00: cycling. 19.30: cycling, shooting. 20.30: shooting. 21.00: badminton, cycling. 21.30: bowls, diving. 22.00: shooting, weightlifting. 22.30: shooting. 01.00: cycling. 01.25: cycling. 02.00: badminton. 02.15: cycling. 02.30: bowls. 02.35: swimming. 02.50: cycling. 02.55: swimming. 03.00: weightlifting. 03.15: swimming. 03.25: swimming. 03.55: swimming. 04.15: swimming.

FOR THE RECORD

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

100m: First round: Winners: Heat 1: 1, L Christie (Eng) 10.39sec. Heat 2: 1, M Green (Jam) 10.20. Heat 3: 1, D Aliu (Nigeria) 10.23. Heat 4: 1, A Boldon (Trin) 10.26. Heat 5: 1, A Nketa (NZ) 10.11. Heat 6: 1, O Adeniken (Nigeria) 10.38. Heat 7: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 10.14. Heat 8: 1, G Gilbert (Can) 10.10. Non-qualifier: Heat 3: 5, P Maitland (Wales) 10.55. Quarter-finals: Heat 1: 1, Christie 10.02; 2, Green 10.17; 3, S Brimacombe (Aus) 10.32; 4, I Marcoullides (Cyp) 10.38. Heat 2: 1, Adeniken 10.11; 2, Nketa 10.13; 3, D Marsh (Aus) 10.21; 4, B Surin (Can) 10.21. Heat 3: 1, Fredericks 10.04; 2, Boldon 10.15; 3, F Nwakpa (Nigeria) 10.31; 4, E Bunney (Scot) 10.34. Heat 4: 1, Gilbert 10.13; 2, H Dove-Edwin (Sierra Leone) 10.17; 3, T Williams (Eng) 10.23; 4, O Thompson (Bar) 10.27. Non-qualifier: Heat 2: 5, J John (Eng) 10.29. Heat 4: 6, J Henderson (Scot) 10.49.

400m: First round: Winners: Heat 1: 1, P McBurney (N Ire) 46.49sec. Heat 2: 1, P Greene (Aus) 46.56. Heat 3: 1, E Coombs (St Vincent) 46.36. Heat 4: 1, D McKenzie (Eng) 46.39. Heat 5: 1, A Matilu (Ken) 47.52. Heat 6: 1, N de Silva (Trin) 46.70. Heat 7: 1, F Ogola (Uga) 46.81. Heat 8: 1, I Thomas (Wales) 46.46. Non-qualifiers: Heat 1: 5, A Fugallo (Eng) 47.58. Quarter-finals: Heat 1: 1, N de Silva (Trin) 46.04; 2, S Bada (Nigeria) 46.18; 3, Thomas 46.37; 4, S McFarlane (NZ) 46.47. Heat 2: 1, Greene 46.54; 2, A Ali (Gha) 46.63; 3, O Alohan (Nigeria) 46.66; 4, H Stephens (Trin) 46.68. Heat 3: 1, D Ladejo (Eng) 46.26; 2, Matilu 46.44; 3, Coombs 46.48; 4, P Delice (Trin) 47.00. Heat 4: 1, C Gitonga (Ken) 46.16; 2, B Phiri (SA) 46.16; 3, Ogola 46.27; 4, McKenzie 46.38. Non-qualifiers: Heat 1: 5, B Whittle (Scot) 47.00. Heat 2: 5, McBurney 46.78. Heat 4: 5, Baulch (Wales) 46.45.

5,000m: Qualifiers: Heat 1: 1, T Chimusase (Zim) 13min 47.88sec; 2, P Sum (Ken) 13.48.63; 3, L Chege (Ken) 13.49.18; 4, J Bunston (Can) 13.54.51; 5, R Denmark (Eng) 13.59.80; 6, J Schiebler (Can) 14.01.90. Heat 2: 1, P Mosima (Ken) 13.29.37; 2, P Hanneck (Zim) 13.31.92; 3, J Wyatt (NZ) 13.33.72; 4, J Brown (Eng) 13.40.62; 5, J Nuttall (Eng) 13.40.65; 6, J Hobbs (Wales) 13.50.72; 7, S Dlamini (Swaz) 13.51.57; 8, D Donnelly (N Ire) 13.54.80; 9, C Weber (Can) 14.00.96. Non-qualifier: Heat 1: 7, J Campbell (N Ire) 14.08.41.

110m hurdles: Qualifiers: Heat 1: 1, C Jackson (Wales) 13.51sec; 2, T Kroeker (Can) 13.80; 3, R Foster (Jam) 13.88. Heat 2: 1, T Jarrett (Eng) 13.52; 2, P Gray (Wales) 13.53; 3, K Vander-Kuyp (Aus) 13.61; 4, A Tulloch (Eng) 13.87; 5, K Campbell (Scot). Non-qualifiers: Heat 1: 4, L Cowan (Eng) 13.96. High jump: Qualifying round: Group A: 1 equal, G Parsons (Scot) 2.20m, L Thomson (Aus) 2.20; S Smith (Eng) 2.20; 4, M George (St Lucia) 2.20; 5, C Siemachesky (Can) 2.20; 6 equal, Z Loh (Malaysia) 2.15; K Naiko (Mauritius) 2.15; 8, J Hames (Aus) 2.15; 9, C Pang Lou (Malaysia) 2.10; 10, R Solomon (Br Virgin Is) 2.06; 11, R Charles (Dom) 2.00. Group B: 1 equal, T Forsyth (Aus) 2.20, I Thompson (Bahamas) 2.20; B Reilly (Eng) 2.20; 4 equal, D Grant (Eng) 2.20; R Duncan (Can) 2.20; 6, S Ruto (Kenya) 2.15; 7, C Lefrancois (Can) 2.15; 8 equal, S Woodley (Berm) 2.05, G van Rooyen (Nam) 2.05; 10, A Boateng (Gha) 2.05; 11, J Rolle (Bah) 2.05; 12, R Simons (Berm) 2.00. Qualifiers for final: Smith, Thompson, Duncan, Parsons, Reilly, Thomson, Loh, Grant, Naiko, Forsyth, Siemachesky, George. Hammer final: 1, S Carlin (Aus) 73.48m; 2, P Head (Eng) 70.18; 3, P Vivian (Eng) 69.80; 4, M Jones (Eng) 68.42; 5, A Cooper (NZ) 67.92; 6, B Stoikos (Can) 65.84; 7, J Stoikos (Can) 64.82; 8, D Dionisopoulos (Aus) 63.52; 9, S Whyte (Scot) 63.36; 10, I Maplethorpe (Can) 62.76; 11, R Devine (Scot) 61.90.

Women: 100m: Qualifiers: Heat 1: 1, M Onyali (Nigeria) 11.24sec; 2, H Joseph (Dom) 11.45; 3, P Mensah (Gha) 11.46; 4, K Clarke (Can) 11.65. Heat 2: 1, C Opara-Thompson (Nigeria) 11.38; 2, D Duhaney (Jam) 11.40; 3, S Jacobs (Eng) 11.65; 4, E Clarke (Bahamas) 11.66. Heat 3: 1, M Tombiri (Nigeria) 11.26; 2, S Douglas (Eng) 11.49; 3, M Seymour (NZ) 11.51; 4, D Manu (Gha) 11.56; 5, D Myhill (IoM) 11.60. Heat 4: 1, M Gainsford (Aus) 11.29; 2, P Thomas (Eng) 11.30; 3, H Samuel (Ant) 11.55.

400m: Qualifiers: Heat 1: 1, R Poetschka (Aus) 53.14sec; 2, O Akinremi (Nigeria) 53.29; 3, M Addy (Gha) 53.74; 4, J Sandiford (Barb) 54.17. Heat 2: 1, C Freeman (Aus) 53.37; 2, R Campbell (Jam) 53.66; 3, D Kyriacou (Cyp) 53.95. Heat 3: 1, P Smith (Eng) 52.83; 2, F Yusuf (Nigeria) 53.07; 3, K Hanigan (Aus) 53.58; 4, S McCann (N Ire) 53.91. Heat 4: 1, S Richards (Jam) 52.62; 2, O Afolabi (Nigeria) 52.80; 3, M Neef (Scot) 53.21; 4, T Goddard (Eng) 53.55; 5, A de Jongh (SA) 53.87. Non-qualifiers: Heat 1: 6, S Douglas (Eng) 55.54. Heat 2: 7, S Llewellyn (N Ire) 56.97. Semi-finals: Heat 1: 1, Richards 51.23; 2, Freeman 51.57; 3, Neef 52.75; 4, Afolabi 52.78. Heat 2: 1, Yusuf 52.03; 2, Smith 52.31; 3, Poetschka 52.66; 4, Hanigan 52.87. Non-qualifiers: Heat 1: 7, Goddard 53.84. Heat 2: 6, McCann 53.96.

Heptathlon: 100m hurdles: Heat 1: 1, K Vanderhoek (Can) 14.08sec, 967; 2, N Fletcher (Guy) 14.11, 1,077; 3, J Kelly (Eng) 14.43, 918; 4, K Matheson (Can) 14.46; 5, C Ochola (Ken) 14.78, 871; 6, E Lindsay (Scot) 14.96, 847. Heat 2: 1, C Court (Eng) 13.07, 1,114; 2, J Flemming (Aus) 13.32, 1,077; 3, D Lewis (Eng) 13.66, 1,027; 4, C Bond-Mills (Can) 13.79, 1,008; 5, J Henry (NZ) 14.12; 6, L Gibbs (Wales) 14.18; 7, L Beining (PNG) 14.42. High jump: Heat 1: 1, Lindsay 1.74m, 902pts; 2, Gibbs 1.65, 795; 3, Matheson 1.62, 759; 4, Beining 1.56, 689; 5, Court 1.53, 655; 6, Ochola 1.53, 655. Heat 2: 1, Bond-Mills 1.86, 1,054; 2, Fletcher 1.83, 1,016; 3, Henry 1.80, 978; 4, Flemming 1.77, 941; 5, Lewis 1.74, 903; 6, Kelly 1.68, 830; 7, Vanderhoek 1.68, 830.

Shot: 1, Flemming 14.10m, 801; 2, Kelly 13.62, 769; 3, Bond-Mills 13.57, 765; 4, Vanderhoek 13.37, 752; 5, Court 13.36, 751; 6, Lewis 13.22, 742; 7, Ochola 12.84, 717; 8, Henry 12.76, 713; 9, Beining 11.99, 660; 10, Gibbs 11.53, 630; 11, Matheson 11.12, 603; 12, Fletcher 9.96, 527; 13, Lindsay 9.61, 504. 200m: Heat 1: 1, Matheson 24.75sec, 910; 2, Fletcher 25.08, 879; 3, Ochola 26.02, 795; 4, Gibbs 26.52, 752. Heat 2: 1, Flemming 24.06, 975; 2, Court 24.16, 965; 3, Lindsay 24.61, 923; 4, Bond-Mills 24.64, 920; 5, Vanderhoek 24.74, 911; 6, Lewis 25.11, 877; 7, Henry 25.23, 866; 8, Kelly 25.43, 848. Beining did not compete. First-day standings: 1, Flemming 3,794; 2, Bond-Mills 3,747; 3, Lewis 3,549; 4, Henry 3,518; 5, Court 3,485; 6, Vanderhoek 3,460; 7, Fletcher 3,385; 8, Kelly 3,365; 9, Matheson 3,186; 10, Lindsay 3,177; 11, Gibbs 3,130; 12, Ochola 3,038.

BOWLS: Round robin: Men: Singles: Pool B: K Wallis (HK) 25 J van Deventer (Zam) 11; D Le Marquand (Jer) 25 A Walch (Guer) 19; H Y Chai (Sing) 25 K Campbell (SA) 23; M Gilliland (Can) 25 C Wambugu (Ken) 6; R Corsie (Scot) 25 T E Fua (W Sam) 8; Le Marquand (Jer) 25 Van Deventer (Zam) 19; Wallis (HK) 25 Chai (Sing) 16; Thomas (Wales) 25 Walch (Guer) 20; Campbell (SA) 25 Wambugu (Ken) 7; Gilliland (Can) 25 Fua (W Sam) 10. Pairs: Pool A: Australia 22 Hong Kong 15; Scotland 24 New Zealand 15; England 19 South Africa 8; Guernsey 24 Canada 16; Hong Kong 16 New Zealand 16; Australia 31 England 14; Scotland 21 Jersey 19; South Africa 26 Guernsey 10; Northern Ireland 28 Brunei 11; Western Samoa 25 Papua New Guinea 20. Fours: Pool A: South Africa 33 Norfolk Island 10; Namibia 22 Scotland 14; Botswana 20 Jersey 17; Zambia 18 Cook Islands 18; Northern Ireland 22 Hong Kong 16. Pool B: Kenya 20 Cook Islands 19; Brunei 22 Norfolk Island 19; Wales 18 Zambia 15; Western Samoa 19 Northern Ireland 18; New Zealand 21 Wales 18; Papua New Guinea 21 Zimbabwe 15; England 18 Canada 14; Australia 21 Brunei 20; Western Samoa 24 Malaysia 17.

Women: Singles: Pool B: R Jones (Wales) 25 J Nicolle (Guer) 10; C Anderson (Norfolk Island) 25 J Roney (Can) 12; E Bonutto (Aus) 25 B Redshaw (SA) 13; G Vada (PNG) 25 V Stead (Jer) 20; E James (Swaz) 25 R McMahon (HK) 15; Nicolle (Guer) 25 Roney (Can) 19; Jones (Wales) 25 Redshaw (SA) 11; Anderson (Nor Isl) 25 Stead (Jer) 19; James (Swaz) 25 Bonutto (Aus) 24; Vada (PNG) 25 McMahon (HK) 14. Pairs: Pool A: Hong Kong 28 Norfolk Island 16; Swaziland 29 Papua New Guinea 14; Northern Ireland 17 South Africa 17; Zambia 21 Cook Islands 15; Papua New Guinea 21 Hong Kong 13; South Africa 33 Norfolk Island 12; Swaziland 29 Wales 13; Northern Ireland 17 Cook Islands 17; England 25 Northern Ireland 21; Botswana 25 Kenya 21; New Zealand 25 Zambia 16; Western Samoa 25 Cook Islands 23. Pool B: New Zealand 15 Western Samoa 15; Botswana 16 Australia 13; Guernsey 21 Canada 13; Scotland 18 Jersey 17. Pool standings (after Monday's round robin matches): Men: Singles: Pool B: 1, Scotland 4pts; 2, Hong Kong 4; 3, Jersey 3; 4, Wales 3; 10, Guernsey 0. Pairs: Pool A: 1, Australia 9; 2, South Africa 6; 3, Scotland 6; 4, England 5; 8, Guernsey 2; 9, Jersey 2. Fours: Pool A: 1, South Africa 8; 2, Northern Ireland 8; 3, Hong Kong 6; 4, Scotland 6; 6, Jersey 4.

Women: Singles: Pool B: 1, Wales 3; 2, Norfolk Island 3; 3, Swaziland 3; 4, Guernsey 3; 5, Papua New Guinea 3; 6, Australia 2; 7, Jersey 2; 8, South Africa 1; 9, Hong Kong 0; 10, Canada 0. Pairs: Pool A: 1, South Africa 9; 2, Swaziland 6; 3, Northern Ireland 6; 4, Hong Kong 6; 5, Wales 4; 6, Papua New Guinea 4; 7, Zambia 2; 8, Norfolk Island 2; 9, Cook Islands 1. Visually impaired men's singles final: Scotland 21 Australia 18. Bronze medallists: Hong Kong and New Zealand. Visually impaired women's singles final: New Zealand 21 Wales 6. Bronze medallists: England and Hong Kong.

BOXING: Preliminary bouts: Flyweight (51kg): D Kelly (N Ire) bt C Scott (Can) 16-5; D Costello (Eng) bt H Gereo-Dareison (PNG) 13-4; P Shepherd (Scot) bt M Mbwana (Tan) 11-8. Bantamweight (54kg): O Odutayo (Nigeria) bt T Waite (N Ire) 8-6. Lightweight (60kg): K Fiaui (NZ) bt A Green (Eng) rsf 1st. Light-welterweight (63.5kg): M Winters (N Ire) bt I Kamukuju (Nam) 19-0; P Richardson (Eng) bt J Pagandam (Can) 21-17; D Fulanse (Zam) bt A Robinson (Wales) 6-2; J Pender (Scot) bt D Bernard (Jam) 13-6.

GYMNASTICS: Men: Individual apparatus finals: Floor: 1, N Thomas (Eng) 9.662pts; 2, K Burley (Can) 9.437; 3, A Nolet (Can) 9.150; 5, L McDermott (Eng) 8.925. Pommel horse: 1, B Dowrick (Aus) 9.425; 2, N Kingston (Aus) 9.400; 3, R Ikeda (Can) 9.225; 4, Thomas 9.050; 5, C Close (N Ire) 8.975; 7, McDermott 8.775; 8, S Frew (Scot) 8.175. Rings: 1, McDermott 9.475; 2, P Hogan (Aus) 9.275; equal 3, Dowrick 9.150 and Ikeda 9.150; 6, N Thomas 8.625; 8, Close (N Ire) 8.150. Vault: 1, B Hudson (Aus) 9.375; 2, Burley 9.312; 3, Thomas 9.306; 8, L McDermott (Eng) 8.850. Parallel bars: 1, Hogan 9.400; 2, Burley 9.350; 3, Dowrick 9.250; 4, Thomas 9.175; 6, McDermott 8.650; 7, Close (N Ire) 8.425; 8, G Irwin (Wales) 8.400. Horizontal bar: 1, Nolet 8.512; 2, Ikeda 9.500; 3, Kingston 9.325; 4, Thomas 9.300; 5, Frew 9.075; 6, Irwin 8.875; 8, R Barber (Eng) 8.450.

Women: Individual apparatus finals: Vault: 1, S Umeh (Can) 9.556; 2, S Lawrence (Wales) 9.543; 3, L Simes (Can) 9.506; 4, K Szymko (Eng) 9.431; 5, Z Lusack (Eng) 9.418; 6, R Stoyel (Aus) 9.356; 7, J West (SA) 9.293; 8, R Moniz (Aus) 8.431. Uneven bars: 1, R Stoyel (Aus) 9.525; 2, S Umeh (Can) 9.450; 3, S Thompson (NZ) 9.337; 4, J Brady (Eng) 9.150; 5, Z Lusack (Eng) 9.025; 6, J Hill (Can) 8.887; 7, R Moniz (Aus) 8.437; 8, B Powell (Wales) 8.275. Balance beam: 1, S Wills (Aus) 9.075; 2, Z Lusack (Eng) 8.987; 3, R Moniz (Aus) 8.900; 4, L Simes (Can) 8.825; 5, S Umeh (Can) 8.687; 6, K Szymko (Eng) 8.462; 7, L Roets (SA) 8.450; 8, A Agathocleous (Cyp) 7.637. Floor exercise: 1, A Reeder (Eng) 9.750; 2, J Brady (Eng) 9.662; 3, L Simes (Can) 9.550; 4, S Umeh (Can) 9.375; 5, C Hamer (Wales) 9.150; 6, R Moniz (Aus) 9.137; 7, S Lawrence (Wales) 9.000; 8, R Stoyel (Aus) 8.887.

SHOOTING: Women: Pairs air pistol: 1, A Woodward/C Trefry (Aus) 747pts; 2, J Lees/G Barkman (NZ) 745; 3, C Page/M Thomas (Eng) 744; 4, H Smith/S Cozzarin (Can) 740; 5, T Roland/J de Jersey (Guernsey) 738; 6, A Dhillon/S Manon (Ind) 721. Men: Pairs air pistol: 1, M Gustinaro/B Sandstrom (Aus) 1137; 2, J-P Huot/J Rochon (Can) 1135; 3, J Rana/V Singh (India) 1133; 4, I Gandapur/S Iqbal (Pak) 1129; 5, M Desa/A Noor Raziff (Malaysia) 1127; 6, Gilbert U/H Li (HK) 1126; 7, G Yelavich/J Lawton (NZ) 1125; 8, F Sack/L Malherbe (Nam) 1124; 9, S Hayes/N Freeland (Eng) 1122; 10, N Duquemin/P Duchemin (Guer) 1120; 11, R Skeete/F Reid (Barb) 1113; 12, T Rahman/A Hossain (Bang) 1110; 13, J Claessens/S van Emmenis (SA) 1107; 14, E Scott-Emuakpor/O Katu (Nigeria) 1077. Pairs smallbore rifle: Three position: 1, W Sorensen/M Dion (Can) 2300; 2, A Allan/W Murray (Scot) 2271; 3, C Hector/T Langridge (Eng) 2259; 4, D Baker/C Ogle (N Ire) 2251; 5, G Hader/U Nasr (Bang) 2249; 6, D Henn/M Fiess (SA) 2242; 7, P Brown/L Smith (NZ) 2232; 8, A Williams/J Saltz (Aus) 2228; 9, B Mason/D Fonoti-Tasali (W Sam) 1824; 10, S Watterson/H Creevy (IoM) 1492. Open pairs skeet: 1, A Andreou/C Kourtellas (Cyp) 189; 2, B Thompson/G Jukes (NZ) 186; 3, M Thompson/I Marsden (Eng) 186; 4 equal, K Harman/A Austina (Eng) 186; 4 equal, D Dawes/A Lewis (Wal) 186; 6 equal, C Meuleman/I Hale (Aus) 183; 6 equal, M Hans/G de Flaumingh (SA) 183; 8, J Caswell/D Kwasnycia (Can) 181; 9, F Kaw/C Lau (Malaysia) 176; 10, I Singh/H Bedi (India) 174; 11, M Maskell/G Bynoe (Barb) 170; 12, J Morris/K Dukes (Swaz) 114.

SWIMMING: Men: 200m breaststroke: Heat 1: 1, J Cleveland (Can) 2min 17.34sec; 2, C Myden (Can) 2:20.29; 3, A Ayers (Wal) 2:21.72; 4, P Melhuish (Wal) 2:21.86; 5, C Shaw (Zim) 2:30.72. Heat 2: 1, P Rogers (Aus) 2:17.40; 2, R Lawson (Aus) 2:19.05; 3, P Kent (NZ) 2:19.70; 4, A Clapper (Eng) 2:19.99; 5, J Badenhorst (Nam) 2:38.815; C Panayides (Cyp) disq. Heat 3: 1, N Gillingham (Eng) 2:16.22; 2, R Mitchell (Aus) 2:17.44; 3, M Mason (Can) 2:19.50; 4, N Hudghton (Scot) 2:19.54; 5, H Louw (SA) 2:20.57; K Rahman (Bang) disq. Final: 1, Gillingham 2:12.54; 2, Rogers 2:13.56; 3, Cleveland 2:14.91; 4, Mitchell 2:17.00; 5, Mason 2:18.88; 6, Lawson 2:19.23; 7, Hudghton 2:19.77; 8, Kent 2:20.87. 400m freestyle: Heat 1: 1, D Kowalski (Aus) 3min 53.37sec; 2, G Housman (Aus) 3:57.53; 3, R McFarlane (Can) 3:59.77; 4, S Mellor (Eng) 4:01.19; 5, S Baird (Can) 4:01.19; 6, R Peacock (SA) 4:07.63; 7, S Rowe-Hagens (Guer) 4:16.09; 8, K Masud (Pak) 4:22.66. Heat 2: 1, D Loader (NZ) 3:55.08; 2, K Perkins (Aus) 3:55.14; 3, T Bray (NZ) 3:58.11; 4, T O'Hare (Can) 3:57.80; 5, G Smith (Scot) 3:58.19; 6, F Neethling (SA) 4:04.37; 7, I Lundie (Wales) 4:08.80; 8, H Hom (Nam) 4:20.39. Final: 1, Perkins 3:45.77; 2, Loader 3:49.65; 3, Kowalski 3:50.41; 4, Bray 3:52.86; 5, Housman 3:55.93; 6, O'Hare 3:56.50; 7, Smith 3:58.14; 8, McFarlane 4:01.37. 4 x 100m freestyle relay: 1, Australia 3:20.89 (D Lange, A Baildon, D Sheehan, C Fydler); 2, New Zealand 3:21.79 (J Steel, N Tongue, D Loader, T Bray); 3, England 3:22.61 (N Shackell, M Foster, A Clayton, M Fibbens); 4, Canada 3:23.02; 5, South Africa 3:27.30; 6, Scotland 3:53.03 (E Stewart, A Aitken, J Hunter, F Walker); 7, Bermuda 3:41.71; 8, St Lucia 4:08.95.

Women: 100m butterfly: Heat 1: 1, M Modine (N Ire) 1min 2.69sec; 2, A Bennett (Eng) 1:03.32; 3, J Amey (Can) 1:03.36; 4, A Simac (NZ) 1:05.44; 5, A Hunter-Beckinsall (SA) 1:06.26; 6, M Dahl (Nam) 1:06.33; 7, T Moodie, 1:10.25 (Zim). Heat 2: 1, P Thomas (Aus) 1:00.92; 2, J Yeo (Sing) 1:02.87; 3, S Kitson (Can) 1:03.20; 4, K Lau (HK) 1:04.18; 5, M Ooi (Sing) 1:05.76; 6, J Ewing (Scot) 1:07.71; 7, M Lock (Wales) 1:09.75. Heat 3: 1, S O'Neill (Aus) 1:00.86; 2, E Overton (Aus) 1:02.98; 3, A Loots (SA) 1:04.08; 4, J Howard (Can) 1:04.32; 5, H Slatter (Eng) 1:04.55; 6, R Lamsam (HK) 1:06.18; 7, S Puri (Trin) 1:06.99. Final: 1, Thomas 1:00.21; 2, O'Neill 1:00.24; 3, Overton 1:01.86; 4, Yeo 1:02.23; 5, Bennett 1:02.26; 6, Kitson 1:02.72; 7, Amey 1:02.74; 8, Modine 1:03.02. 100m breaststroke: Heat 1: 1, P Heyns (SA) 1min 10.22sec; 2, L Flood (Can) 1:10.79; 3, N Thornley (Eng) 1:13.22; 4, J Rankin (SA) 1:14.07; 5, W Pang (HK) 1:17.26; 6, J Beck (Nam) 1:12.90. Heat 2: 1, S Riley (Aus) 1:09.47 (Games record); 2, D Wade (Aus) 1:11.20; 3, J King (Eng) 1:12.95; 4, N Giguere (Can) 1:14.36; 5, H Watts (Guer) 1:17.04; 6, J Yeo (Sin) 1:17.11. Heat 3: 1, R Brown (Aus) 1:10.11; 2, G Cloutier (Can) 1:10.56; 3, M Hardiman (Eng) 1:12.79; 4, T Naude (SA) 1:14.38; 5, E Robinson (N Ire) 1:15.10; 6, J Smart (Barm) 1:17.07. Final: 1, Riley 1:08.02; 2, Brown 1:09.40; 3, Heyns 1:09.86; 4, Flood 1:10.39; 5, Cloutier 1:10.53; 6, Wade 1:11.03; 7, Hardiman 1:12.36; 8, King 1:12.87. 800m freestyle: Heat 1: 1, S Gertrell (Aus) 8min 40.87sec; 2, S Hardcastle (Eng) 8:49.87; 3, J Maier (Aus) 8:55.31; 4, S Richardson (Can) 8:57.44; 5, K Allers (SA) 9:01.82; 6, S Herridge (Guer) 9:14.67. Heat 2: 1, H Lewis (Aus) 8:36.87; 2, P Langrell (NZ) 8:50.79; 3, N Dryden (Can) 8:54.70; 4, J Currah (Can) 9:05.43; 5, A Wilson (NZ) 9:14.56; 6, D Simms (N Ire) 9:22.66; 7, A Kruger (Nam) 9:34.35. Qualifiers for final: Lewis, Gertrell, Hardcastle, Langrell, Dryden, Maier, Richardson, Allers.

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: Solo final: 1, L Alexander (Can) 189.4835; 2, K Shacklock (Eng) 183.9717; 3, C Ferraris (Aus) 172.6625; 4, A Zukerman (NZ) 170.1886; 5, S Burgeon (Scot) 158.6515; 6, R Paslova (SA) 149.9219. Duet final: 1, L Alexander/E Woodley (Can) 188.0894; 2, K Shacklock/L Vakil (Eng) 182.6803; 3, M Downes/C Ferraris (Aus) 167.1646; 4, S Burgon/J Liston (Scot) 155.6744; 5, A Taylor/L Wullschn (SA) 148.4625.

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BURHILL FAMILY FOURSOMES: First round: J Morgan and A Morgan bt R Stocks and J Stocks 4 and 3; P Legg and G Legg bt J Scott-Malden and C Scott-Malden 5 and 4; G Barratt and R Barratt bt Mrs A Williams and S Williams 2 and 1; J Brown and P Brown bt J Clink and T Clink 1 hole; S N Tilling and O Gadney bt C Bond and S Bond 2 and 1; M A Gardiner and N Gardner bt G Warner and R Warner 3 and 1; P Deehan and P Deehan bt P Truett and E Truett 3 and 2; S Greenleaf and A Greenleaf bt B Susijn and O Susijn 3 and 2; B Bell and W Bell bt K T Bellis and J Bellis 7 and 6; G I Jenkins and S Jenkins bt G Thomas and S Thomas 3 and 2; E G Hollington and R F Hollington bt R R Collins and L Collins 1 hole; H Craufurd and R Craufurd bt J Sugden and C J Sugden 2 holes; K M A Warin and R T Warin bt J Street and N Street 4 and 2; M Donald and A Donald bt K White and W White 1 hole; J R Thornhill and C Weeks bt M Maisey and S Maisey 2 holes; D Dixon and H Dixon bt A Raitt and A Raitt 1 hole; P C Cohen and S Lambert wo R D Bridges and S E Bridges; J Lawson and P Lawson bt R Harvey and M Harvey 4 and 3; M J Toole and S J Toole bt M Riley and A Riley 3 and 1; P Baker and P Baker bt A Tenison and E Tenison 3 and 1.

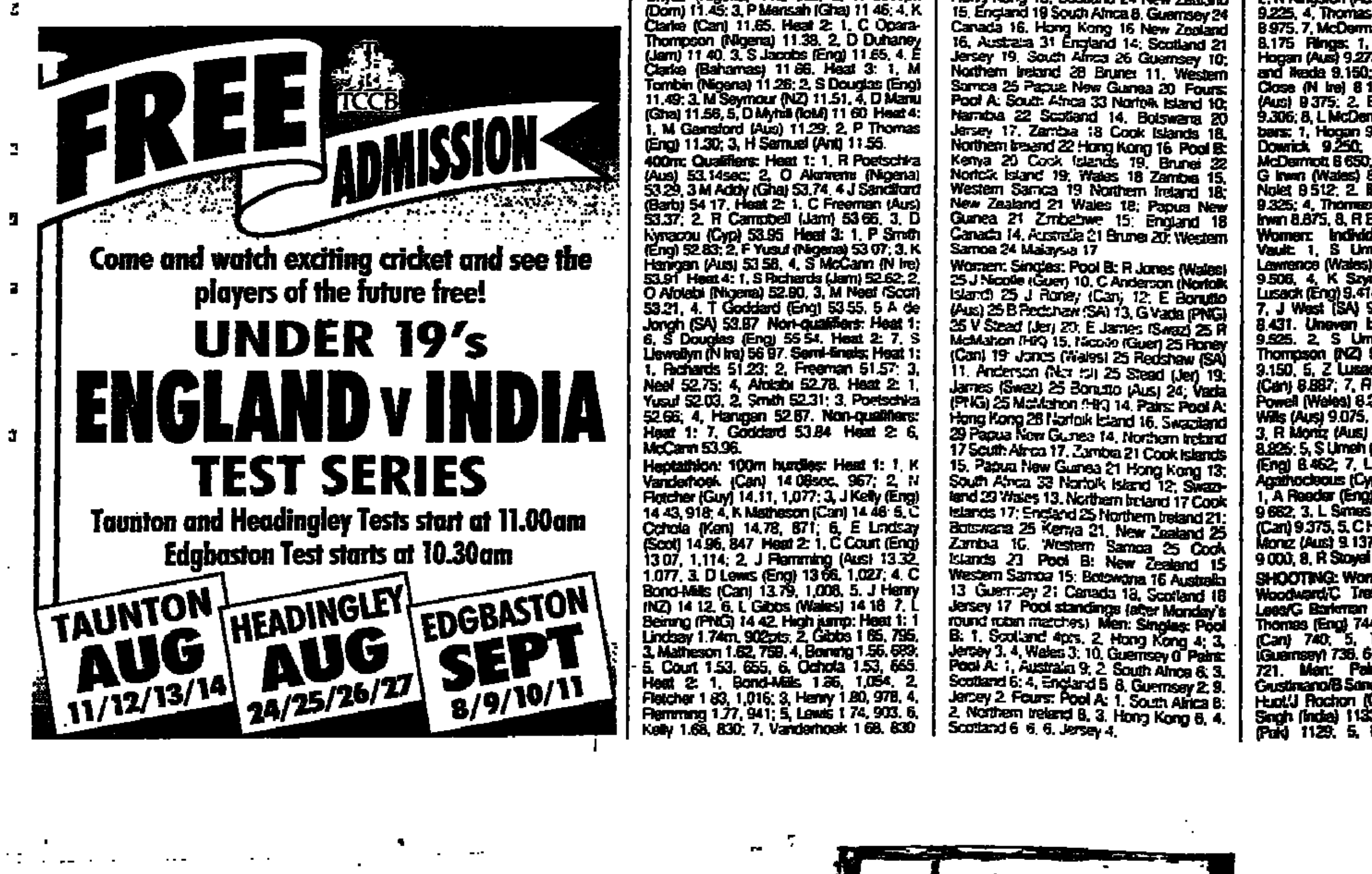
P A Sherwood and S A Tucker bt A S Lloyd and P Lloyd 3 and 2; J McFarland and P McFarland bt J Sechiari and D Sechiari 1 hole; A Cotton and T Cotton bt P Robinson and B Robinson 8 and 7; L Huxtable and N Huxtable bt B A Ritchie and S D Ritchie 19th hole; B Rowan and S Rowan bt E Alderson and J Alderson 4 and 3; J Aitken and A Sims bt J Kendall and V Kendall 2 holes; D Morgan and C Morgan bt C Tilling and A Tilling 1 hole; D Bowes and O Bowes bt L Hallin and B Hallin 1 hole; A Croft and M Croft bt B Wilenkin and M G Wilenkin 2 and 1; E Brooks and D Adams wo M Johnson and B Johnson; C Constable and M DiMichele bt C M Willis and M Willis 20th hole; J Burrage and S Burrage bt P Sales and S Sales 2 holes; J Birley and J Birley bt P Stovold and R A Stovold 1 up; J Gelson and M Dear bt H M G Pryor and M H Pryor 3 and 2; D Nugent and D Nugent bt P Craig and P Craig 2 and 1; H Deane and R Earnshaw bt S Stradling and R Stradling 4 and 3; B Allen and A Allen bt N McDowall and M McDowall 2 and 1; M Hiscocks and S Hiscocks bt M Caffyn and E Caffyn 19th hole; J Walker and E Walker bt C Monk and J Monk 5 and 4; E Pack and S Peck bt R Anderson and K Kuhler 2 holes; S Ferguson Jones and M Ferguson Jones bt A Booth and S Booth 1 hole; D L Donald and K Rowe bt J Tate and M Tate 2 and 1; C Caldwell and R Caldwell bt S Donald and C J Donald 5 and 4; D Bailey and K Freeman bt K Maxwell and P Maxwell 3 and 2; N T Dolton and S Dolton wo E Davis and F Davis; P Burton and K Burton wo J M L Burles and D J Burles; A R Maisey and J Maisey bt P Valdinger and J Valdinger 1 hole; J Wilson and J C Wilson bt M Bartlett and J Bartlett 19th hole; H A Mote and E Mote bt P Bucknall and G R C Bucknall 6 and 4; L Gilbert and P Gilbert bt S Rogers and W Rogers 3 and 2.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (40415)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (63784386)

9.05 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Steve Rider and Sue Barker introduce coverage from Victoria. Including at **10.00** News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (s) (82238569)

11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2916811) **11.05 Quincy** starring Jack Klugman as the police pathologist (r) (5192673) **11.55 Red and Blue Cartoon.** *The Imitation* (r) (6281144)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7978892) **12.05 Big Day Out.** John Timpson joins Bob Langley, Victoria Studd and Mo Dutta for a visit to the West Highland Railway line between Fort William and Mallaig (s) (2461618) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (25966618)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (60618) **1.30 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (41811705) **1.50 Going for Gold** with Henry Kelly (41815521)

2.15 The Rockford Files. James Garner stars in the vintage police series (r) (3773057)

3.05 Gourmet Ireland. In the last of the series, the Rankins go diving off the coast of Galway for oysters (s) (2753279)

3.35 An Unexpected Student. The story of a pink pelican who made its home in a nursery school in southwest Japan (s) (1423231)

4.00 Lifeline. Sir Harry Secombe appeals on behalf of the British Diabetic Association's Tadpole Club for children with diabetes (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7531434)

4.10 Bananaman (r) (8998273) **4.15 Peter Pan and the Pirates.** (Ceefax) (s) (9230453) **4.35 Round the Twist** (r) (s) (7322163)

5.00 Newsround (3687298) **5.10 Byker Grove** (r). (Ceefax) (9520328)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (181786)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (415)

6.30 Regional news magazines (845) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

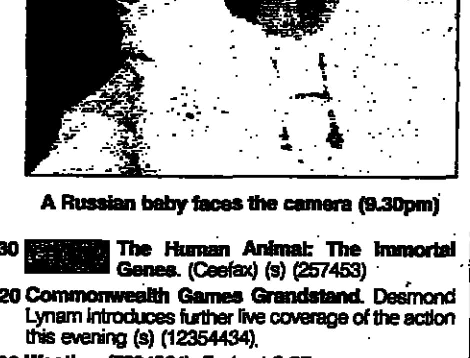
7.00 Wipeout. Quiz show presented by Paul Daniels. (Ceefax) (s) (3415)

7.30 Here and Now. Current affairs magazine series (279)

8.00 Gagtag. In the last of the series Jonathan Ross chairs a battle of wits between team captains Bob Monkhouse and Frank Skinner and their guests Frank Carson and Jeff Green. (Ceefax) (s) (2163)

8.30 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Desmond Lynam introduces live action from Victoria as the World, Olympic and European champion Sally Gunnell aims to capture a second Commonwealth crown (s) (1298)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4366)



A Russian baby faces the camera (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **The Human Animal: The Immortal Genes.** (Ceefax) (s) (257453)

10.20 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Desmond Lynam introduces further live coverage of the action this evening (s) (12354434).

2.00 Weather (7834564). Ends at **2.05**

BBC2

6.20 Open University (4243618)

7.30 Commonwealth Games Grandstand (s) (73916521)

9.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4030434) **9.30 Artifax** (r) (s) (5940328) **9.55 Anytime Tales** (2656502) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (6372724) **10.30 The Flintstones** (24279)

11.00 FILM: Flying Down to Rio (1933, b/w). Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire starred together for the first time in this musical mix of fun and romance set in South America. Directed by Thornton Freeland. (Ceefax) (6359255)

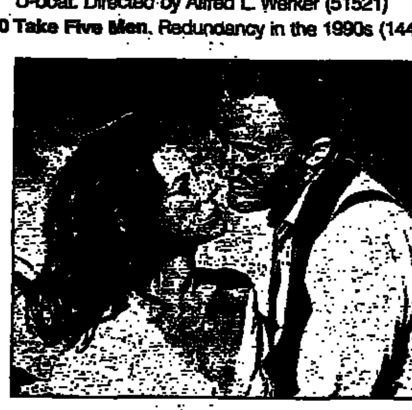
12.25 Mississippi (r) (2463076) **1.20 Forget-Me-Not Farm** (r) (s) (90505873) **1.35 CountryFile** (r) (s) (72332328)

2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, followed by **Willie Nelson: My Life.** The country music star tells his tale (r) (30989)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, followed by **The Gun** (r) (8430279) **3.20 Day Out** in the Vale of Taunton Deane (r) (4057881) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2030095)

4.00 FILM: Sealed Cargo (1951, b/w) starring Dana Andrews and Carla Balenda. A Newfoundland fisherman is horrified to learn that the sinking boat he has towed ashore is carrying weapons for a Nazi U-boat. Directed by Alfred L. Werker (51521)

5.30 Take Five Men. Redundancy in the 1990s (144)



Luciana Paluzzi, Robert Vaughn (6.00pm)

6.00 FILM: To Trap a Spy (1966). Robert Vaughn, David McCallum and Luciana Paluzzi star in the pilot for the highly successful *The Man from UNCLE* television series. Directed by Don Medford (76328)

7.30 The Salmon Run. Jack Charlton shares his knowledge of fishing. (Ceefax) (s) (521)

8.00 Doctors to Be: Matters of Life and Death. The would-be doctors continue their struggle to cope with the realities of life (r). (Ceefax) (s) (297279)

8.50 Little England: The Old School Tie. The old boy network (r). (Ceefax) (125958)

9.00 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Desmond Lynam introduces further coverage of the games from Victoria (s) (2092279)

10.20 Flight of Fancy. Ben Woolley reports on how Concorde survived the passing of the supersonic era (819724)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (828973)

11.15 Edinburgh Nights with Emma Freud (s) (598892)

11.55 Weather (397960)

12.00 Dimanche en Anjou (r) (9126670) **12.25am History of Technology** (r) (9103729). Ends at **12.55**

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CHOICE

Witness: Orphans of Manchuria
Channel 4, 9.00pm

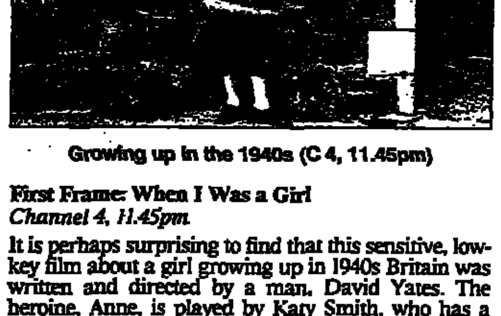
While straying from its stated religious theme, *Witness* nevertheless tells some remarkable stories in its programme on the Japanese children left behind in China after the Second World War. The film concentrates on four "orphans", three of whom now live in Japan. Masao Nakajima was eight years old when he became separated from his mother and sister at a railway station. At the time they were fleeing from the Russians who had entered China to liberate Manchuria from the Japanese. Masao weeps as he remembers jumping on a train and ending up by a river in the middle of nowhere "wondering what on earth I was doing there". Like the other orphans, he was brought up by Chinese but has never lost his sense of being Japanese.

Short Stories: When You Ran Me Down
Channel 4, 8.30pm

First shown on HTV West, this gripping documentary follows the mediation process between a criminal and his victim. Ian is a father of five who was outraged when Brian, a 16-year-old joyrider, made off with his brand new car. A big man, he managed to climb on to the bonnet, but, as the car sped away, he was flung off and narrowly escaped being killed. Brian eventually gave himself up, whereupon Junior Justice Coordinator Griff Daniels stepped in to arrange meetings between Brian and Ian to discuss reparation. The initiative is reasonably successful, but, despite our sympathy for Ian, questions remain. What would have happened if Ian had managed to kill the joyriders as he says he wanted to and, more fundamentally, why did he risk his life over a car?

The Human Animal: The Immortal Genes
BBC1, 9.30pm

Desmond Morris tonight explores why human parents devote so much time to their young. The answer seems to be that because, unlike animals, we look to the future as well as the present, we become anxious about our mortality. Therefore, it becomes vital for us to ensure a kind of immortality by taking care of the children who bear our genes. This does not explain Morris's self-confessed parental urges towards a baby chimp. No matter; the extraordinary footage is entertaining whether or not you take on board the commentary that goes with it. Among the strange sights on the programme are tiny Russian babies wrapped up tightly in imitation of the security of the womb, and an Italian boy being passed through a split tree in an ancient coming-of-age ceremony.



Growing up in the 1940s (C 4, 11.45pm)

First Frame: When I Was a Girl
Channel 4, 11.45pm

It is perhaps surprising to find that this sensitive, low-key film about a girl growing up in 1940s Britain was written and directed by a man, David Yates. The heroine, Anne, is played by Katy Smith, who has a characterful, old-fashioned face perfectly in keeping with the film's realistic tone. On the face of it, she does not have much of a life. She is poor; her mother has abandoned her and her hard-drinking father does not come to her school plays. Yet Anne is no victim. Her cheerful resilience ensures that she survives her family as well as the war. **Stephanie Billen**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (1206095) **9.25 C.O.P.S.** (4047724) **9.50 The New Adventures of He-Man** (5946502)

10.20 News (Teletext) (9681960) **10.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9680231)

10.30 FILM: A Day to Remember (1953) starring Stanley Holloway and Joan Rice in a tender drama about a village pub darts team who take a day trip to Boulogne where many of them had served during the Second World War. Directed by Ralph Thomas (56270927) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7974076)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (3910724)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (3995415) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (16321347) **1.55 Gardeners' Diary** with John Ravenscroft, Reg Moule and Nigel Snow (72338502)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (73058182) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (9601724) **3.20 ITN News headlines** (Teletext) (1359724) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1358095)

3.30 Tots TV (r) (s) (1362434) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (2038637) **3.50 Garfield and Friends** (6659279) **4.15 The Ink Thief.** (Teletext) (s) (282298) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (7313415)

5.10 After 5 with Fern Britton. (Teletext) (3533095)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (717250) **5.55 Your Shout.** Members of the public air their views on life in London (159328)

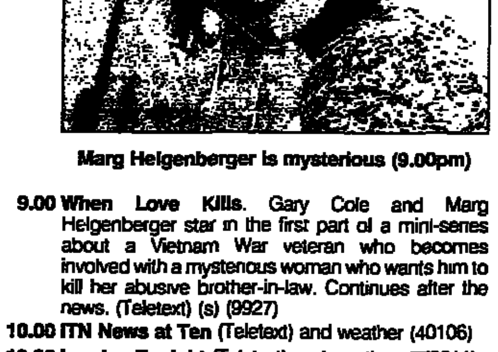
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (811)

6.30 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (Teletext) (163)

7.00 Michael Ball is joined by Robert Palmer and Monserrat Caballe. (Teletext) (s) (1811)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (s) (347)

8.00 Burke's Law: Who Killed the Beauty Queen. A peeping Tom witnesses the murder of an arrogant beauty-pageant contestant. (Teletext) (s) (9163)



Marg Helgenberger is mysterious (9.00pm)

9.00 When Love Kills. Gary Cole and Marg Helgenberger star in the first part of a mini-series about a Vietnam War veteran who becomes involved with a mysterious woman who wants him to kill her abusive brother-in-law. Continues after the news. (Teletext) (s) (9927)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (40106)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (570811)

10.40 When Love Kills (contd). (Teletext) (s) (742366)

11.30 The European Match. Matthew Lorenzo introduces highlights of the match between Rangers and AEK Athens from Ibrox (72637)

12.30am FILM: Let's Do It Again (1975). Comedy directed by and starring Sidney Poitier. Two friends hypnotise another into believing that he is a great boxer. With Bill Cosby (99834835)

2.40 Hollywood Report (s) (7837651)

3.10 The Album Show (s) (9544767)

4.10 The Forum Presents. Peaches and Herb (s) (1735458)

5.00 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (76922)

5.30 ITN Morning News (59106). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Little Dracula. Cartoon (r) (4115366)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (83569)

9.00 Pugwall. Teen comedy drama (r) (13163) **9.30 Wish Kid** (r) (5968724)

9.55 Saved By the Bell. American high school comedy (r). (Teletext) (5943415) **10.25 Dog City.** Adventures of a canine detective (r) (3212415)

10.50 Raiders Of the South Seas. Children's adventure serial set in 1942 (r) (5863328) **11.20 Terrytoons.** Classic cartoons (7293960) **11.45 Super Mario World** (3487521)

12.00 Pushing the Limits: Extreme Ice. Climbers Ron Fawcett and Eric Jones attempt to scale a frozen waterfall in Switzerland using state-of-the-art ice-climbing equipment (r) (33927)

12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining early-learning series. The guests are Johnny Cash and En Vogue (r) (66960) **1.30 Katie and Orbie** Adventures of a little girl and her alien friend (s) (42163)

2.00 FILM: The Night We Got the Bird (1960, b/w) starring Brian Rix and Ronald Shiner. Comedy about an antiques dealer who is pestered by a talking parrot whom he believes is the reincarnation of his dodgy dead partner. With Dora Bryan, Irene Handl and Liz Fraser. Directed by Darcy Conyers (69163)

3.30 Look at Britain: We Are the Lambeth Boys (b/w). Karel Reisz's documentary, made in 1959, about a south London youth club. With music by Johnny Dankworth. (Teletext) (92873)

4.30 Countdown. Win up to £1,000 in conjunction with *The Times* Presented by Richard Whiteley (Teletext) (s) (960)

5.00 Oprah Gold. The guests are five sets of identical twins, each containing one gay (r). (Teletext) (9492724)

5.50 Hector Heathcote. Animation (172279)

6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (r) (453)

6.30 Boy Meets World: Santa's Little Helper. Pains-of-growing-up comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (705)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (625637)

7.50 The Slot. A viewer comments on a topical subject (872347)

8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close (Teletext) (s) (5873)

8.30 CHOICE **Short Stories: When You Ran Me Down.** (Teletext) (4908)



Masao Nakajima tells his story (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Witness: Orphans of Manchuria.** (Teletext) (7569)

10.00 NYPD Blue New York police drama series (r). (Teletext) (s) (7328)

11.00 Devil's Advocate. Darcus Howe cross-examines the Venerable George Austin, Archdeacon of York (231095)

11.45 CHOICE **First Frame: When I Was A Girl** (455298)

12.10am LA Law. American courtroom drama series (s) (1772922)

1.05 Out. A repeat of last night's edition of the gay and lesbian magazine (s) (8991583). Ends at **2.05**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.45** 1FM Roadshow, from the Quarry, Shrewsbury **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Claire Sturgess **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Chris Morris **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Lorraine King **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Cambridge '94: the second of five concerts featuring Irish band Altan **8.30** Tommy Makem, traditional Irish music **9.00** Bombay Mix **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview, and at **7.15** The Commonwealth Games Report **8.35** The Magazine, including at **10.35** Europe News and **11.15** Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck, and at **12.55** The Commonwealth Games Diary **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night: Full coverage of the night's Premiership and European Cup action as well as the latest from the Commonwealth Games **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Up All Night at the Commonwealth Games

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST** **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **8.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Mind Matters **9.30** Megamix **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Country Style **10.30** Poems by Post **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Omnibus **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** Woman at the Top **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **3.45** Good Books **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell in German **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Banking on the Poor **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Media Magnates **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Multitrack: X-Press **1.00** News **1.15** The Greenfield Collection **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Waveguide **2.45** The Farming World **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Omnibus **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Corelli (Concerto grosso in F, Op 6 No 6) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert: See Choice **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Gary King **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** N.J. Williams **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 10.30 Bananas in Pyjamas (2717499) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5888637) **11.00** Ox Tales (5048182) **11.25** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (5058569) **11.55** The Munsters Today (1131279) **1.55** A Country Practice (41809960) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (73040163) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9601724) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3533095) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (868095) **11.30** The Champions League Qualifier - Highlights (503989) **12.35am** Daughter of Darkness (274941) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (39516) **2.45** The Album Show (4695564) **3.40** Jobfinder (1883859) **4.30** Get Stuffed (18323859) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (8469496)

CENTRAL

As London except: 10.25 Central News (9680231) **10.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (2717499) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5888637) **11.00** Ox Tales (5048182) **11.25** The Munsters Today (7201989) **11.50** Deepwater Haven (9299540) **1.55** A Country Practice (41809960) **2.20** Gardening Time (73040163) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9601724) **3.25-3.30** Central News (1358095) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3533095) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (868095) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (570811) **4.10am** Jobfinder (1688108) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8962903)

HTV WEST

As London except: 10.25 HTV West Headlines (9680231) **10.30** Brief Encounter (56270927) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (7974076) **1.55-3.20** The Alpha Caper (4409818) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (1358095) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (3533095) **5.55** Home and Away (110298) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (868095) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (570811) **11.30** The Champions League Qualifier - Highlights (503989) **12.35am** Daughter of Darkness (274941) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (39516) **2.45** The Album Show (4695564) **3.40** Jobfinder (1883859) **4.30** Get Stuffed (18323859) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (8469496)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 Grass Roots (3533095) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (868095) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (570811)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 10.30 A Tale of Two Cities (6945811) **11.50-12.20** Doing it Up (9299540) **1.55** A Country Practice (41809960) **2.20** Along the South Downs Way (73040163) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9601724) **5.10** Home and Away (3533095) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (162892) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (811) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (163) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (570811) **11.30-12.30pm** The Champions League Qualifier - Highlights (72637) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (76922)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Dogtanian - The Movie (56270927) **1.55** A Country Practice (41809960) **2.20-2.50** Cooking at the Academy (73040163) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3533095) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (875250) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (163) **11.30** The Champions League Qualifier - Highlights (72637) **12.30am** The Equalizer (4955309) **1.25** Hollywood Report (5520767) **1.55** Videofashion (2285632) **2.25** The Album Show (5131187) **3.25** Noisy Mothers (7596309) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (1657090)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 10.30-12.20 To See Such Fun (56270927) **1.55** Take the High Road (72338502) **2.25-2.55** Masters of Beauty (73049434) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3533095) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (60569) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (570811) **12.35am** Daughter of Darkness (274941) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (39516) **2.45** The Album Show (4695564) **3.40** Jobfinder (1883859) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (8469496)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Dogtanian - The Movie (56270927) **1.55** A Country Practice (41809960) **2.20-2.50** Cooking at the Academy (73040163) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3533095) **5.55** Calendar (875250) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (163) **11.30** The Champions League Qualifier - Highlights (72637) **12.30am** The Equalizer (4955309) **1.25** Hollywood Report (5520767) **1.55** Videofashion (2285632) **2.25** The Album Show (5131187) **3.25** Noisy Mothers (7596309) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (1657090)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (83569) **9.00** Gĵmau'r Gymanwled (13163) **9.30** Wish Kid (5968724) **9.55** Saved By The Bell (2217250) **10.30** Dog City (19347) **11.00** Raiders Of The South Seas (7340) **11.30** Terrytoons (1129434) **11.50** Adventures Of The Super Mario Brothers (5965908) **12.00pm** Pushing The Limits (33927) **12.30** Sesame Street (66960) **1.30** Classic Cars (42163) **2.00** The Malta Story (783892) **3.50** Krakatoa (2025163) **4.00** Fear Of Falling (1892) **5.00** Phenom (6989) **5.30** Countdown (540) **6.00** Newyddion (530279) **6.20** Heno (858618) **7.00** Jacpot (9453) **7.30** Hwyl O' R Lanfa (14521) **8.30** Newyddion (4908) **9.00** True Stories (7569) **10.00** Brookside (40188) **10.30** Hwyr Neu Hwyrach (50076) **11.30** The World Of Hammer (46540) **12.00am** Dennis Potter in Edinburgh (2587545)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Feminist Debates: Psychoanalysis **6.55** Weather

7.00 On Air: Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); **7.35** Britten (Courtly Dances, Gloriana); **7.50** Weber (Invitation to the Dance); **8.05** Boyce (Symphony in D minor, Op 2 No 8); **8.20** *Keyboard Compendium*: Bach (Italian Concerto, BWV 971: András Schiff, piano); **8.35** Janáček (Taras Bulba)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Liszt. Leslie Howard introduces music for which the composer is less well known

10.00 Midweek Choice: Mozart (Il Seraglio); **10.00** Tchaikovsky (Don Juan's Serenade, Op 38 No 1); **10.05** Gade (Novelette No 1 in F, Op 53: Arhus CO under Ove Vedsten Larsen); **10.35** Soler (Fandango in D minor); **10.45** Karlowicz (Stanislaw et Anna Oswiecimowie); **11.05** Schnittke (Canon in memoriam Igor Stravinsky); **11.10** Rossini (Partir, o ciel! Desio, Il Viaggio a Reims); **11.30** Fauré (Piano Quartet No 1 in C minor, Op 15)

12.00 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under En Shao (r)

1.00pm Manchester Summer Recital: Joachim Piano Trio. Beethoven (Piano Trio in G, Op 1 No 2); Brahms (Piano Trio No 2 in C, Op 87)

2.05 Haydn Wood: The Ulster Orchestra under Adrian Leaper, with Raphael Wallfisch, cello, performs Mozart (Miniature Overture, The City, London Cameos Suite; Fantasy-Concerto for String Orchestra; Philharmonic Variations for cello and orchestra; Paris Suite) (r)

3.00 Interpretations on Record: Michael Hall compares performances of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola, K364

4.00 Choral Evensong, live from the Priory Church, Edington, Wiltshire

5.00 The Music Machine: The Sampling Sessions — Resultant Melodies. Techniques used by the "minimalist" composers Steve Reich and Philip Glass

5.15 In Tune, presented by Natalie Wheen

7.00 BBC Proms 1994: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Tonight's concert is a tribute to Basil Cameron, who conducted at the Proms during the 1940s and 1950s. John Lill, piano; BBC Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Lazarev perform Sibelius (Symphony No 5 in E flat). **7.35** Richard Baker looks at the career of Basil Cameron. **7.55** Britten (Piano Concerto); Shostakovich (Symphony No 9 in E flat)

9.10 Latin Loves: These Things Happen, written and narrated by Frederic Raphael (r)

9.35 Niels Viggo Bentzon: Philip Jenkins, piano, plays Sonata No 2, Op 46

10.00 BBC Proms 1994: Live from the Albert Hall, London, and making its Prom debut, the Freiburg Baroque Orchestra under Thomas Hengelbrock, with Anner Bylsma, cello, performs Handel (Suite, Oreste); Zelenka (Hipocondrie); Haydn (Cello Concerto in C, H VIIb I); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in F, Wq 183 No 3)

11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Ani Schnarch, violin, and Piers Lane, piano, perform violin music by Bartók

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day, with Philip Crowe

8.40 A Pride of Relations, by Richard Charles Awdry. Abridged and read by Tenniel Evans (3/5) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Tommy Docherty talks to Dr Anthony Clare (r)

9.45 Shelf Lives: Nigel Cassidy traces the history of Earl Tupper, the man behind Tupperware

10.00-10.30 News; The Airport (FM only): A chronicle of daily life at Birmingham International Airport. Concluding an eight-part series

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 Children's Radio 4 (LW only): Granny, by Anthony Horowitz. Read by James Fleet (3/5)

10.30 Woman's Hour: Includes a report on the renewal of interest in the traditional apple. Serial: *Where the Apple Ripens*. Incl **11.00** News

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, chaired by Eric Robson (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm The Russia House: Dramatisation of John le Carré's novel. With Tom Baker and Valentina Yakunina **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Doctors, by David Joss Buckley. Medical drama series created by Phil Redmond. Starring Richard O'Sullivan and Lesley Sharp

2.45 Tangents: See Choice

3.00 News; Anderson Country: 071-765 5540

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Pat Barker's Booker-nominated novel, *The Eye at the Door*, and Mike Nichols's film *Wolf*, starring Jack Nicholson and Michelle Pfeiffer

4.45 Short Story: McKechnie's Diner, 9am. William Hootkins reads David J. Taylor's tale

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Brain of Britain. The final (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Tales from Oz: David Wright meets gold prospectors in Victoria

7.45 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts (r)

8.15 Costing the Earth, presented by Mark Whittaker

8.45 Call the Enemy . . . If You Can Get to the Phone! 071-580 4444. A chance for parents to bridge the communication gap with their teenage children by consulting an expert young panel. Mediated by Richard Jobson

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Herodotus: The Histories. John Tusa reads the third of five parts

11.00 Fresh Air and Sandals: Leather Coffins. The legacy of the Utopian Socialists (r)

11.30 Student Choice 94: Course vacancies are published today, and in the last programme of the series, Annie Nightingale and her guests explain how to find the right place at college. Helpline: 0500 505050

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Tangents. *Radio 4, 2.45pm.*
In Louise Greenberg's series of reminiscent monologues for different voices, Hugh Charles-Jones's has impressed me most. I cannot listen to him without seeing the smoke from an aristocratic cigar wafting through an exclusive men's club and hearing a fine old sherry being poured. He can be outrageous and poetical but is honest about his fallibility. Today, he recalls his ups and downs as an antique dealers' runner (buying and selling on the hoof). "There is nothing in the whole world as sweet as profit." The quote, though, is not Charles-Jones's but that of a Pompeian graffiti scrawler.

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*
How on earth do you fill a two-hour classical record selection with music about fish when all that comes to mind is Schubert's "Trout" Quintet? John Julius Norwich takes the piscatorial challenge in his stride. He cannot resist the "Trout", performed by Clifford Curzon and members of the Vienna Octet, but there is also Rossini's *La Pesca*, Debussy's *Poissons d'or* and songs from Mahler's *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*, sung by Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz.
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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (53156521) **8.45** Cartoons (5447724) **9.30** Card Sharks (74786) **10.00** Concentration (73618) **10.30** Love at First Sight (44057) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (91502) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (68637) **12.30pm** E Street (78502) **1.00** Falcon Crest (73057) **2.00** Hart to Hart (74347) **3.00** Another World (5435908) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (2945453) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6144) **6.00** Summer with the Simpsons (2057) **6.30** Blockbusters (6637) **7.00** E Street (7873) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5521) **8.00** Wallenberg: A Hero's Story (45298) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation. As 5pm (24705) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (859415) **11.45** V (774989) **12.45am** Barney Miller (38293) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (35106)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (2553328) **9.30** Fashion TV (10366) **10.30** ABC Nightline (75927) **11.00** News and Business (689705) **1.30pm** CBS Morning News (72618) **2.30** Fashion TV (36569) **3.30** ABC Nightline (4415) **4.00** News and Business Report (54809) **5.00** Live at Five (340750) **7.30** Fashion TV (57540) **9.30** Talkback (34415) **11.30** CBS Evening News (54328) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (58361) **1.30** Fashion TV (15729) **2.30** Those Were the Days (69187) **3.30** Talkback (64632) **4.30** CBS News (50380) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (99748)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (1247340)
10.00 Viva Maria! (1965). Louis Malle's romantic comedy with Jeanne Moreau, Brigitte Bardot, George Hamilton (89618)
12.00 The Buddy System (1984). A boy tries matchmaking for his mother. With Susan Sarandon, Richard Dreyfuss (71250)
2.00pm Ghost in the Noonday Sun (1973). Patchy comedy starring Peter Sellers (15057)
4.00 Silent Night, Lonely Night (1969). Middle-aged singles find love on holiday. With Lloyd Bridges, Shirley Jones (1076)
6.00 The Goonies (1985): Spielbergian adventure (28521)
8.00 Leap of Faith (1992). Religious satire with Steve Martin, Debra Winger (30366)
10.00 The Super (1991). Comedy in which unscrupulous landlord Joe Pesci is given a taste of his own medicine (26347)
11.30 Animal Instincts (1992). Adult drama (108144)
1.10am Castle Keep (1969): Burt Lancaster guards art treasures during the war (147564)
2.55 Howling V: The Rebirth (1989). Travellers are trapped and murdered in an isolated Hungarian castle (420080)
4.30 Ghost in the Noonday Sun As 2pm (55835). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Bus Stop (1956). Classic comedy drama with Marilyn Monroe as a sultry restaurant singer kidnapped by ardent admirer Don Murray (20927)
8.00 Lonely Are the Brave (1962): Western with Walter Matthau, Kirk Douglas (92144)
10.00 Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia (1974): Warren Oates searches for a landowner's daughter in Sam Peckinpah's violent western (84637). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Lord Love a Duck (1966). High-school comedy with Roddy McDowall (17873)
8.00 Return to Treasure Island: As 6pm (79488705)
9.50 The Sea Hawk (1940). Swashbuckling action with Errol Flynn (98975892)
12.00 The Great Imposter (1960): Tony Curtis as an ingenious conman (79892)
2.00pm Marty (1955). Comedy-drama with Ernest Borgnine in an Oscar-winning role as a shy butcher wanting romance (46927)
4.00 Mrs Lambert Remembers Love (1991). An orphaned boy is raised by his grandmother. With Ellen Burstyn (9618)
5.00 Return to Treasure Island. Cartoon sequel to Stevenson's classic (38182)
7.30 Special Feature: The Making of True Lies The new Arnold Schwarzenegger blockbuster (8231)
8.00 The Public Eye (1992). Tabloid photographer Joe Pesci falls for nightclub owner, Barbara Hershey (38908)
10.00 Equinox (1993): Moody thriller starring Matthew Modine as twin brothers, separated at birth (772340)
11.55 Bright Angel (1991): Road movie with Dermot Mulroney, Lili Taylor (463618)
1.30am Overexposed (1990): A man cons a woman into believing her husband is unfaithful. With Marcy Walker (465632)

3.10 Blind Spot (1993). Joanne Woodward's political career is threatened by family scandal (66320106). Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (8312569) **7.15** WWF Superstars (333521) **8.15** Soccer News (5570163) **8.30** Powerboat World (59386) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (83521) **10.00** The Footballer's Football Show (53366) **11.00** Boots 'n' All (33502) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (44144) **12.30pm** Ringside Boxing (95434) **2.30** Baseball '94 (5786) **3.00** The Footballer's Football Show (48540) **4.00** Muscle Night (35347) **5.00** WWF Challenge (3142) **6.00** Soccer News (221144) **6.15** Classics (259927) **6.30** Get Your Handicap Down (2845) **7.00** Motorcycling: Czech Grand Prix, highlights (52502) **8.00** Major League Baseball (72366) **10.00** Soccer News (755927) **10.15** Get Your Handicap Down (722366) **10.45** Motorcycling (570250) **11.45-1.45am** Baseball (767144)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (42250) **8.00** Eurotennis (78873) **9.00** Eurogolf Magazine: English Open (73279) **10.00** Body Building (48434) **11.00** Football: European Cups (45057) **1.00pm** Eurotennis (77960) **2.00** Athletics (87665) **3.00** Polo: International Polo Cup (41908) **4.00** Triathlon, ITU World Cup (20415) **5.00** Mountainbike (6163) **5.30** Car Racing (75960) **6.30** Eurosport News (5163) **7.00** Prime Time Boxing Special (50279) **9.00** Athletics: IDAG Galan Games (66705) **11.00** Motors (49163) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (45941)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (7150786) **7.30** Neighbours (7162521) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7822786) **8.30** EastEnders (7821057) **9.00** The Bill (7845637) **9.30** The Lotus Eaters (6096989) **10.30** The Brothers (56094298) **11.35** The Sullivans (57887347) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7825873) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6621521) **1.00** EastEnders (7159057) **1.30** The Bill (6620892) **2.00** Bless This House (7231960) **2.30** Seconds Out (34508811) **3.00** Knots Landing (3813366) **4.00** Dynasty (3892873) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4336989) **5.40** The Goodies (8156811) **5.55** Sykes (1348705) **6.30** EastEnders (3442892) **7.00** Seconds Out (7242076) **7.30** Bless This House (3448076) **8.00** Dallas (736639) **10.00** The Bill (7826502) **10.30** Lazarus and Dingwall (3631182) **11.10** Thunderbirds (2444618) **12.10am** Dr Who (2634632) **12.40** FILM The Haunted House of Horror (1969): Murder mystery starring Frankie Avalon (7534670) **2.15** Shopping at Night (5489477)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am It's Droibee Time (77521) **7.00** Spiff and Hercules (6531095) **7.15** Pastagums (6314076) **7.30** Casper and Friends (64569) **8.00** Pingu (7301182) **8.05** Head to Head in 3D (7391705) **8.15** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (2054328) **8.30** Beverly Hills Teens (82338) **9.00** Bobby's World (7745502) **9.25** Around the World in 80 Seconds (8145057) **10.00** Twins of Destiny (15705) **10.30** Radio Detectives (95892) **11.00** Chuckle Club (86095) **11.30** Zazoo U (87724) **12.00** Hour of Power (85144) **12.30pm** Swamp Thing (36637) **1.00** Guitars and Roses (44705) **1.30** Swan's Crossing (35908) **2.00** Barney and Friends (9415) **2.30** Mysterious Cities of Gold (7786) **3.00** Garfield and Friends (1250) **3.30** Head to Head in 3D (8171569) **3.40** Summer Crunch (6372989) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (9750)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Pondles (80618) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (72227) **8.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (71298) **9.00** Doug (55250) **9.30** Clarissa Explains It All (81163) **10.00** Rocko/Garbage Pail Kids (37160) **10.30** Denver the Last Dinosaur (51434) **11.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (42637) **11.30** Smoggies (43366) **12.00** Nick Faves (42786) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (32279) **1.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (35960) **1.30** Chroma Zone (23366) **2.30** Visionaries (3328) **3.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (7892) **3.30** You Choose (8873) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7908) **4.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (54317) **5.30** Chroma Zone (7144) **6.00** Clarissa Explains It All (4057) **6.30-7.00** Roundhouse (8637)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Bush Tucker Man (3449705) **4.30** Challenge of the Seas (3445989) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (7253182) **5.30** The Munro Show (3468569) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7201892) **6.55** Only in Hollywood (3706927) **7.05** Sportz Crazy (4086298) **8.00** Fire (7259366) **8.30** Invention (7238873) **9.00** The Nature of Things (1989786) **10.00** Wars in Peace (7824144) **10.30** Spies (7833892) **11.00** World of Volcanoes (3891144) **11.30-12.00** Crawl Into My Parlour (2511076)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM Mad About Men (1954) Comedy with Glynis Johns as a match-making mermaid (2522182) **2.00** The Avengers (2510347) **3.00** My Three Sons (7245163) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (3457724) **4.00** FILM. The Black Tent (1956): Soldier Anthony Steel marries into an African tribe who then fight the Nazis (7256279) **6.00** Hogan's Heroes (3453908) **6.30** Cannon (7563347) **7.30** Scotland Yard (3433144) **8.00** The Avengers (1996076) **9.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (3816453) **9.30** Behave Yourself (6636453) **10.00** FILM Hi Mom! (1969): Satire with Robert De Niro as a Vietnam veteran who becomes an urban guerrilla (8175182) **11.30-12.00** The Rat Patrol (2508502)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4559892) **7.00** Living Magazine Highlights (3114569) **8.00** Days of Our Lives (8925521) **8.55** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery (2128434) **9.25** Mr Motivator's Mornings (8352322) **9.30** Now You See It (7333766) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2770142) **10.30** Crosswits (1963778) **11.00** Definition (4034540) **11.30** The Young and the Restless (1393873) **12.30pm** Everyday Yoga (29354366) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (7591569) **1.30** Housecalls (7336873) **2.00** Agony Hour (1320601) **3.00** Living Magazine (9415540) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (81215502) **4.00** Infatuation (7094705) **4.30** Definition (7090989) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (4533569) **5.30** Floyd on France (7014569) **6.00** FILM Sylvia (1985): Fact-based story of a couple who teach in New Zealand after the war. With Nigel Terry (65900057) **7.50** Short Shorts (6494989) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7075618) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (7088182) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (7098569) **11.00** Infatuation (4026521) **11.30-12.00** Housecalls (6370106)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (3095) **5.30** Danger Bay (1502) **6.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (8415) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (2095) **7.00** All Cluedo Up (3231) **7.30** All Together Now (8279) **8.00** Bordertown (9279) **8.30** GP (8786) **9.00** Neon Rider (14366) **10.00** The Pyramid Game (87873) **10.30** Newhart (96521) **11.00** Lou Grant (54182) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (85632)

MTV

5.00am Wild Side (201106) **8.00** VJ Ingo (721415) **11.00** Soul (42347) **12.00** Greatest Hits (17502) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (525908) **3.30** Report (8164279) **3.45** Movies (8152434) **4.00** News (3911076) **4.15** 3 from 1 (3934927) **4.30** Dial MTV (9908) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (41845) **7.00** Greatest Hits (10540) **8.00** Guide to Dance Music (95927) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (18231) **10.00** Report (539076) **10.15** Movies (527231) **10.30** News (394453) **10.45** 3 From 1 (359908) **11.00** Alternative Nation (33873) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (94090) **2.00** Night Videos (1723699)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (71347) **7.00** Asian Morning (19144) **8.00** Hindi News (41881) **8.30** Urdu News (3155366) **8.45** English News (3143521) **9.00** Serial (19095) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (450415) **1.00pm** Serial: Anghan Terha (31231) **1.30** Hindi FILM (384908) **4.30** Kiddie Time (4076) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (6328) **7.00** Worldline (9873) **7.30** Zameen Sambhal Ke (7521) **8.00** English News (918873) **8.15** Hindi FILM (96675601) **11.15** Serial Haveli (149415) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (9163922) **1.35** Sight and Sound (23615090)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme, Candid Camera
7.00pm I Love Melvin (1953) Musical comedy about a cover girl (36336892)
8.30 Live a Little, Love a Little (1968): Elvis plays a photographer for two magazines (82461618)
10.10 Watch the Birdie (1950). Red Skelton plays three generations of photographers (79099786)
11.35 One More Tomorrow (1946). A playboy falls for a left-wing photographer. Drama with Ann Sheridan (50622160)
1.20am I Love Melvin As 7pm (44235854)
2.50 Live a Little, Love a Little: As 8.30pm (99472477). Ends at **5.00**

Unsung runner from Belize highlights athletics' rich variety

Namesake tracks down Linford

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN VICTORIA

THERE may be only one Linford Christie but there was more than one Linford in the men's 100 metres at the Commonwealth Games here. The one who is not the Olympic and world champion is not even the champion of his country, Belize. But Linford Christie once asked him for his autograph.

Linford Castillo finished last in heat eight of the first round. Not that he was disappointed. "I loved it," he said. "This is just a hobby for me." While Linford of London puts bums on seats (he was the athlete featured in the ticket-sales drive here), Linford of Belize puts people in houses, as the part-owner of a successful estate agent business.

Christie has a stadium named after him in England. Castillo would settle for a track to train on in Belize. His country does not yet have an all-weather surface, though one is planned. "Our training facilities are very poor," he said. "We train wherever there is an open space."

The two Linfords have appeared in a championship together once before. Three years ago, at the world championships in Tokyo, Castillo introduced himself to Christie. "I told him my name was Linford and he looked at my [competitor's] name tag — there are not many people called Linford," Castillo said. "I asked him for his autograph and he asked me for mine."

In a heat won by Glenroy Gilbert, of Canada, in 10.10sec, Castillo was almost a second behind, his 11.08sec leaving him exactly half a second behind the second-last athlete. Best to look on the positive side, though. "It was good experience for me to get international exposure with the world-class athletes," Castillo, 22, said.

Elston Shaw, the Belize No 1, fared little better, finishing last in heat seven in 11.04sec. With a population of some 200,000, the Central American country which is south of Mexico and borders Guatemala has no professional sport. And no hammer cages. So Belize had nobody in the hammer when the first athletics medals of the Games were decided on Monday.

Sean Carlin, of Australia, won with 73.48 metres in a competition that did nothing to entertain the small opening-day crowd. England took the silver and bronze medals through Paul Head, with 70.18m, and Peter Vivian, with 69.80m.

Head overcame a back injury from which he has been suffering all season. Vivian almost failed to qualify for the final three throws, having missed the sector with his first two attempts.

The final of the men's 5,000 metres takes place today with Rob Denmark seeking to improve one place on his silver medal position in the European championships. All three England athletes qualified from the semi-finals, Jon Brown and John Nuttall joining Denmark in the final.

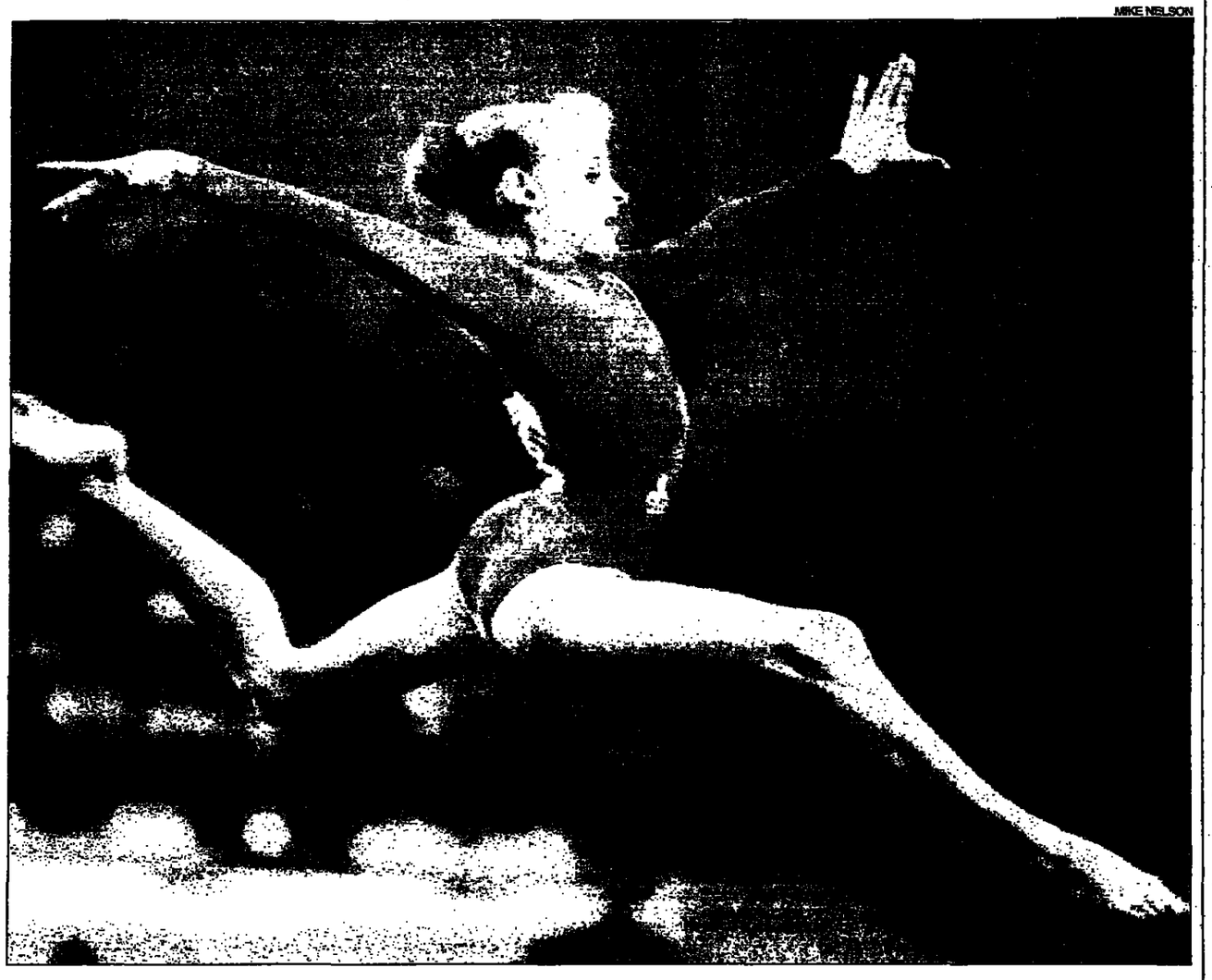
The most likely barrier to a victory for Denmark is Philip Mosima, an 18-year-old Kenyan. Mosima, twice the world junior cross country champion, ran the fastest time of the semi-finals, 13min 29.37sec.

John Regis, who was unable to defend his European 200 metres title in Helsinki because of an Achilles tendon injury, arrived on Monday evening after some uncertainty over whether he would be fit to compete here. Regis said that his tendon was "95 per cent effective" and that he was optimistic his injury would survive two rounds today and a semi-final and final tomorrow.

"I'm going to use each round to push a little harder and test the injury," Regis said. "It will probably take 20.00 seconds or quicker to win." Regis, who set a British record of 19.87sec at high altitude in Sestriere four weeks ago, was surprisingly beaten to the gold medal by his fellow Englishman, Marcus Adam, at the last Commonwealth Games four years ago. This time Frankie Fredericks, the Namibian who denied Regis the world title in Stuttgart last year, may stand in his way.

Fredericks is here only after Namibian government officials appealed to him to put to one side a disagreement with a federation official. Six weeks ago Fredericks said he was considering not competing in the Commonwealth Games because the federation had failed to make clear what was required of him at these championships. "It is always important for me to compete for my country," Fredericks said. "I have some important friends high up in the government and they talk to me and made me decide to come."

MIKE NELSON



Annika Reeder catches the judges' eye during the floor excercise as, at 14 years and 326 days, she becomes the youngest English gold medal winner in the 64-year history of the Commonwealth Games. The Loughton schoolgirl, who took the combined exercises gold medal in gymnastics yesterday, was also the shortest and lightest champion since the Games began in 1930. Reeder won the title on the four apparatus of floor, beam, asymmetric bars and vault, with another English competitor, Jacqueline Brady, 18, from Dartford, taking the silver medal. Vincent Walduck, the English coach, said afterwards: "I collapsed in tears when Annika won. This is a breakthrough day for English gymnastics."

Rangers must pass history test to stave off Greek tragedy

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BY KEVIN McCARRA

GUTTER humour is, by tradition, a Glaswegian form of self-defence. For that reason, even Rangers fans are apt to quote the jest doing the rounds about their team's opponents in tonight's European Cup first round tie at Ibrox. What does AEK stand for? Another Early Knockout.

The Scottish champions have been removed from the competition at this stage in three of the past five seasons and may yet again fear that they are being nudged towards the exit. AEK hold a 2-0 lead from the first leg in Athens and Rangers, in their 38-year history of European campaigns, have never overcome such a deficit. Neither stark arithmetic nor historical precedent, however, constitute the greatest concern tonight.

That lies in the sheer poverty of Rangers's performance at the Nikos Goumas stadium two weeks ago. Regret at the result was leavened by relief that the deficit had not been greater. Walter Smith's side were flayed by their hyperactive opponents. The truths of that match must be reversed.

The manager must hope that his men are inspired by the gravity of their plight. "Negativity is the biggest danger," Smith said, before delving into his own past for encouragement. "When I was with Dundee United in 1981, we were 2-0 down to Borussia Mönchengladbach in the Uefa Cup. In those circumstances, we had no option but to make something happen."

What United made, of course, was history, as they routed the Germans 5-0. With that example before them, recklessness will surely be Rangers's considered response this evening. Smith is not inclined even to quell the desire of a defender, Basile Boli, to rampage downfield. "We will," said Smith, "take whatever we can get from wherever we can get it."

If AEK are overcome, Rangers can anticipate around £5 million of income from the Champions League stage of the European Cup, but Smith sees no point in tormenting himself with such thoughts. His attention is taken up with the Greek side and the flaws that may be contained within it. Rangers, in the first leg, rarely got within hailing distance of the AEK defence.

There are, accordingly, serious inquiries to be made on the Ibrox pitch tonight. It is a mainstay of British managers to question the steadfastness of opposition goalkeepers beneath the high ball. Given that Helias Atmatsidis was wretched in last week's 3-0 defeat by Panathinaikos in the Greek Super Cup, Smith's analysis, when he detects vulnerability, may be based on more than wishful thinking.

The height of Mark Hateley and Duncan Ferguson, combined with Brian Laudrup's ability to craft a teasing cross, are central to Rangers's plans. Precision will be needed more than bravado. As Smith said: "No team has a weakness until it is exploited."

Rangers's recent failures in Europe, against both Sparta Prague and Levski Sofia, have stemmed not from any lack of vigour in attack but from defensive fallibility at Ibrox, and AEK do appear to carry the threat of a ruinous goal for the Scots. Dimitris Saravakos, seasoned but still speedy at the age of 33, could not be contained in Athens, where he scored twice.

Nor cannot be assumed that AEK will wilt when confronted with the raucous atmosphere of Rangers's home ground. They may only have won once in their last 16 away ties in Europe, but victory is not required this time. A modest, competent defeat would suffice. Much as Rangers will strive to control the game, their destiny does not lie entirely in their own hands.



Smith: positive emphasis

Davies tackles union's loyalty problem

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AS A player Gareth Davies was an elegant, stylish stand-off half: as one of rugby union's newest administrators he reflects the harder, minimalist game which rugby has become. Six days into his new role as chief executive of Cardiff, he minced few words when introducing the fifth season of the Heineken Welsh League, which starts on Saturday, at St Pierre Golf and Country Club, near Chepstow, yesterday.

Davies, who won 21 Wales caps between 1978 and 1985, called for greater and more sustained leadership in a sport struggling out of a volunteer culture and into semi-professionalism. But at the same time he seeks greater loyalty from players and a willingness to put far more into the game.

After five years as head of sport for BBC Wales, Davies, 38, now finds himself on the other, more public side of the fence, at the helm of an operation seeking to retain the best of the past alongside the commercial reality of the present. That reality includes the restructuring of an historic club now blessed with a benefactor prepared to inject £150,000 in each of the next three years and a trust fund for Cardiff players as one way of engendering the loyalty that was once taken for granted.

The annual turnover at some leading clubs in the Nineties may be as much as £1 million. That implies careful management from executives such as Davies, part of whose summer has been spent telling players who approached Cardiff expecting cash and cars for playing an "amateur" game that they should look elsewhere.

"Everyone is looking for a reward without basing that expectancy on success," Davies said. "Clubs are being held to ransom by players and it's getting dangerous. I'm all for rewarding players but it's got to be on performance, on merit. Players in the southern hemisphere, I believe, put more back into the game.

"The next two years will be tricky ones for a lot of clubs. Some have made big investments, in players and resources, but they are totally dependent on success. Their plans are short term. Having said that, it's my responsibility to see that Cardiff hang on to their status — they should be winning leagues and cups regularly because they have potentially the greatest resources available to any club in the world. I can't contemplate a situation where Cardiff are in the second division and have a great ground and 37 hospitality boxes with no one watching the team."

Davies wants firmer guidelines for the new breed of professional administrators, provided and enforced by the International Rugby Football Board. "The board doesn't have to revolutionise the game but they must provide a strong framework," he said. "On the one hand, there is a totally professional attitude by governing bodies in getting cash from sponsors, without any consideration given, on the other hand, to the players. It's a total contradiction."

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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4 Expired (6)
9 Kettle-drums (7)
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11 Tree of peace (5)
13 Humiliating disaster (7)
14 Capture; sack (3)
15 Solvent, anaesthetic (5)
16 Imaginative skill (3)
17 Knife for flesh incision (7)
19 Bumpkin (5)
21 Stonecutter (5)
22 Propriety (7)
24 One who may draw up legal documents (6)
25 Give impression (of); arrive (6)

DOWN
1 Slogan (5)
2 Selling goods artificially cheaply (7)
3 Health resort (3)
5 Wrangle (4-5)
6 Uncomplaining (5)
7 Non-agreement (7)
8 Three-card trick (4,3,4)
12 Startling revelation (3-6)
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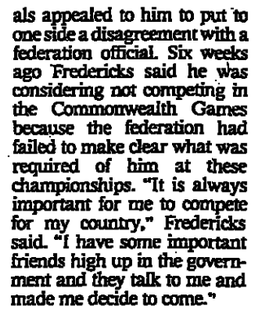
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BRAINS BEST

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Pfluger - Cardoso, Germany 1994. Thanks to his pressure on the long diagonal, Black has more than one good move in this position. One, however, is clearly the best, and forces checkmate. Can you see it?



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Raymond Keene, page 5

WORD WATCH

By Philip Howard

TRIQUE
a. Vocal music
b. Mexican Indians
c. Ritual dance

YANDY
a. Oval dish
b. Playground game
c. Alchemists recipe

ANGEKOK
a. Tree gum
b. Tibetan pilgrimage centre
c. Eskimo sorcerer

MENTAGRA
a. Inflammation of the chin
b. Fragrant plant
c. Elaborate tale

Answers on page 36



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